2525 North Ninth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana
April 27, 1958

Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Chalfonte-Haddon Hall
Atlantic City, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Rundstrom:

I have your letter of 24 April 1958 and th enclosed Application Forms for membership in the VAN KOUWENHOVEN - CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION.

In filling out the yellow form, we messed up Section 5 when we filled in the bottom part with the data on the parents of Margaret (Van Cleve) Reeder rather than the parents of her husband. Since we had only the one copy, it became necessary to erase the entries in order to complete the form correctly.

In those cases where references were requested, we cited the documented papers on file at D.A.R. National Hdqrs., Washington, D.C., which were compiled at the time Mrs. Shriner became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution on the basis of descent from Capt. John Covenhoven Van Cleve, the son of Benjamin and Rachel (Covenhoven) Van Cleve, who served in the New Jersey Militia from Monmouth County, N.J.

The data in Section 7 of the yellow form was taken from the MEMOIRS OF BENJAMIN VAN CLEVE, eldest son of Capt. John and Catherine (Benham) Van Cleve, who became a very prominent citizen of early Dayton, Ohio, and also found in "Orville Wright Collection". These historic materials are filed with the Dayton Public Library, Dayton, Ohio.

We are reluctant to send in miscellaneous data which we have collected here and there on the early Covenhoven folks, since it is highly probable that you in New Jersey have made a first hand study of the original records. For example, the Brewer History states: "Jacomyntie Couwenhoven, daughter of Jacob Couwenhoven, married Wessel Pieterszen in the Dutch Church, N. Y. City, on Apr. 2[illegible], 1693 and then lists the five children born to them from 1695 to 1706. Among the baptismal witnesses were: Jacob Couwenhoven, Francois Van Couwenhoven and wife Elizabeth; Daniel Berkels and wife Elizabeth Gerretse; Johannis Van Couwenhoven and wife Henrika Ten Eyck."

"Willem Couwenhoven, born 1657, married Aeltie Brinkerhoff, born 1654, dau. of Joris Dircksen Brinkerhoff of Brooklyn, and settled at Hackensack, Bergen Co., N.J., along with two of the Brinkerhoff brothers."

We do have a rather extensive collection of data on the descendants of Capt. John Covenhoven Van Cleve who brought his family to Cincinnati in 1789.

Sincerely yours
Walter O Shriner
Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana
October 31, 1954

Mr. Howard W. Webb
P. O. Box 883
Dayton 1, Ohio

Dear Mr. Webb:

Since receiving your second letter, dated September 23rd, regarding factual evidence to show that Rachel (Van Cleve) Banta was a granddaughter of Aaron, I have located the following sources of information:

In the publication, ROSTER OF SOLDIERS & PATRIOTS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BURIED IN INDIANA, page 365, is given

VAN CLEAVE, JOHN, Born in New Jersey. Served in Kentucky Militia in 1780; served as private in Capt. Chenoweth's Co., Jefferson County Kentucky Militia, on tour of duty ~~at~~ building of Fort Nelson, April 20 to May 12, 1782. Received military grant from Virginia in 1790 for 300 acres on Muddy River. Illinois Papers have name of John Van Cleave on payroll of Capt. Chenoweth's Co. John VanCleave left a Will in Jefferson County, Indiana, the county seat being Madison. He died in May, 1812, in Jefferson County, Indiana. The soldier first married Mary Shepard who died in 1781. Their children were: (1) Rachel; (2) John; (3) Elizabeth; (4) Aaron, (5) Benjamin; (6) Nancy and her twin (7) Sallie. The soldier married a second wife, Mrs. Rachel Ryker. Soldier's Will also names sons (sons-in-law?) Peter and David.

I am of the opinion that the Will at Madison, Indiana, will actually give more detailed data on these children. I feel certain that a complete record of the Revolutionary service of John Van Cleave can be obtained from the Virginia State Library at Richmond, Virginia. As you know, Kentucky was a county of Virginia until it was made a state in 1792. I also have a hunch that you can find a record of the marriage of John VanCleave to Mary Shephard in Rowan County, North Carolina. John Van Cleave was born to Aaron and Rachel (Schenck) Van Cleve at New Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey, where the Aaron Van Cleve Family was living until about 1751 when they removed to the Forks of the Yadkin River in Rowan County, N. C. It is possible that there are baptismal records for the children of Aaron Van Cleve in the Presbyterian Church at New Brunswick. Aaron Van Cleve and Rachel Schenck were married at Milltown in Middlesex Co., N. J.

In the publication, ROSTER OF SOLDIERS & PATRIOTS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BURIED IN INDIANA, page 65, there also appears the account of SQUIRE BOONE,JR., who married the only sister of John Van Cleave, above discussed. Squire Boone, Jr., died in Harrison County, Indiana, in 1815. This soldier was born on Oct. 5, 1744 in Bucks Co., Pennsylvania; married Jane VanCleve in Rowan Co., N.C., in 1765. Jane VanCleve was born 1749 and died in 1829. Their children were: (1) Jonathan, b. 1766; (2) Moses, b. 1769;(3)Isaiah, b. 1772;(4)Sarah, b. 1774;(5)Elizabeth, b. 1776 and married James Nelson; (6) Enoch Morgan, b. 1777.

This only sister of John VanCleave, namely Jane, was most likely named for her father's mother, Jane (Vanderbilt) VanCleve.

Aaron VanCleve was (probably the eldest) son of Isabrant and Jannetje (Vanderbilt) VanCleve. He was named for his maternal grandfather, Aris Vanderbilt, who was captain of Infantry in 1700, Vol. IV Document of Colonial History, p 809. Isabrant VanCleve, son of Jan Vancleef and wife Engeltie Louwerens, was born in Flatbush, Long Island, while Jannetje or Jane Vanderbilt was born on Staten Island. Jane Vanderbilt had a younger brother, Jacob Vanderbilt, who was the great-grandfather of Com. Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Benjamin Van Cleve, the pioneer of Dayton, stated in his Memiors that his grandfather Benjamin Van Cleve went into pardnership with brother Aaron Vancleve following their marriages at Milltown and settled at New Brunswick, N. J. The implication in his report was that Aaron was younger than Benjamin. However, a researcher by name of Harvey figures that Aaron was the older of the two brothers. Benjamin married Rachel Covenhoven at Milltown on Sept. 9, 1734 and Aaron married Rachel Schenck about the same time. The two brothers had a sister, Anna, who married a man by the name of Wilson at Milltown and settled at New Brunswick about the same time.

There is a Van Cleve Journal, left by the Orville Wright Estate, at the Dayton Public Library which gives considerable history of the early Van Cleve families. If you have never seen this manuscript, I recommend that you examine it.

Sincerely yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana
September 20, 1954

Mr. Howard w. Webb
P.O. Box 883
Dayton 1, Ohio

Dear Mr. Webb:

My wife has asked me to reply to your letter of Sept. 8th in regard to the early Van Cleve Family.

Our records on the branch of the Van Cleve family which settled in Kentucky prior to the Revolution are not too complete but we can furnish you with the names and relationship of those who went with Daniel Boone from the forks of the Yadkin in Rowan County, N. Carolina.

It seems almost certain that your wife's great great grandmother, Rachel (Van Cleve) Banta, was the granddaughter of Aaron and Rachel (Schenck) Van Cleve who were married at Middletown, N. Jersey, about 1734. Aaron Van Cleve was the son of Isabrandt and Jane (Vanderbilt) Van Cleve who had settled on Staten Island. Aaron Van Cleve, following his marriage, settled at Brunswick, N.J., where he became pardners in business with his brother, Benjamin Van Cleve, who had married Rachel Covenhoven at Middletown on Sept. 9, 1734. This brother, Benjamin Van Cleve, was the grandfather of Benjamin Van Cleve (1773-1821) of early Dayton, Ohio.

About 1751, Aaron Van Cleve removed with his children to the forks of the Yadkin River in Rowan County, North Carolina. Aaron and Rachel (Schenck) Van Cleve had a family of five sons and one daughter. The daughter, Jane Van Cleve, married Squire Boone, the brother of Daniel Boone. When the Boone families removed to Kentucky, the three older sons of Aaron Van Cleve, namely: Benjamin, John, and William, settled in Kentucky with them. Sons Aaron and Ralph, the latter having been educated at Princeton as a Presbyterian minister, removed to Kentucky in 1785 following the Revolution. Of these children of Aaron and Rachel (Schenck) Van Cleve, Benjamin was the only survivor by 1811 and he was living in Henry Co., Ky.

Some years ago, I had a researcher looking for early records of members of my Steele family who had settled in Rowan Co., N. C., and I can report that the Presbyterian Church Cemetery records and marriage records for Rowan County, N.C., are rather complete. It is most likely that John Van Cleve, the father of your wife's Rachel Van Cleve Banta, was married in Rowan County, N.C. The Kentucky records are fairly good, also.

According to my calculations, your wife's great-great-great grandfather, John Van Cleve, and the father of Dayton's early pioneer Benjamin Van cleve, who was also John Van Cleve, were first cousins.

Cordially yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Walter O. Shriner

The Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, Inc.

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April 24, 1956

Dear Dr. Shriner:

Thank you for your letter requesting information on the VanKouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

From the data you have sent I do not think it will be too difficult to prove Mrs. Shriner's lineage back to Wolfert Gerretsen VanKouwenhoven.

I am very happy to extend an invitation to Mrs. Shriner to become a member of this fine old Family Association, and I am enclosing an application for membership paper. Please have Mrs. Shriner fill this paper in as completely as she can - giving dates and places of births, deaths and marriages - and return it to me, together with two dollars application fee - one dollar of this pays the first year's dues (this fee will be increased to three dollars beginning at our June meeting). I shall be glad to do all I can to complete the paper. There is no charge for this service.

We do not have a printed history of the family, but we do publish a Family Bulletin each year, which is sent free to paid-up members. Back numbers of this publication may be secured from Mr. Herbert T. Conover (address on this letter-head) at fifty cents per copy. The new issue is just now out, and Mrs. Shriner will receive this issue with her membership.

I have not read Brewer's History of the Brewer Family,but there are mistakes in the little bit you quote in your letter. Wolfert Gerretsen VanKouwenhoven was one of the first five men sent out from Holland by the Dutch West India Company, to occupy their Bouweries (Farms) on Manhattan Island (N. Y.). These men were in Manhattan as early as 1625. Wolfert seems to have stayed about five years, and then returned to Holland for his family, and as you know he , with his wife and three(not five) sons, arrived in New Amsterdam in 1630. He never lived at Rennsyllerswyck. He did agree to "keep his eye on things up there"(probably for a fee) for his friend, Killian VanRensselaer, and did sell some live-stock to the patroon. In a letter from Killian to Wolfert he stated that he (Killian) had wished that Wolfert would move up to Rensselaerwyck, but he understood that Wolfert's wife did not like it up there.

I hope we shall very soon welcome Mrs. Shriner as a member

Sincerely yours

(Mrs. Leonard G.) Olive C. Rundstrom

FOR
REGISTRATION OF YOUR LINEAGE IN THE VAN COUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

This is the permanent registration of your family lineage. When this record has been approved by the genealogy committee and signed by the Chairman, thereof, your membership number will be assigned. This number will be yours as long as you remain a member of the Association. It should be placed on your membership card every year, for easy reference. When writing to your genealogy committee thereafter, please mention your registration number as well as your name, as that will assist in finding your particular record more promptly.

Please fill in with all the data you have pertaining to your Conover ancestry. If you need help in ascertaining your line, our genealogists offer their assistance. In that case, please fill in the registration sheet as far as you can, —adding any information,—(including family traditions),—that may be helpful, ~~—and return to the Secretary.~~

It seems advisable to call attendion to the fact that the last line "son or daughter of"—in each generation refers to the last named person, thus giving the parents names of husband or wife as the case may be.

~~Any further question may be sent to your secretary, who will refer it to the person most likely to help.~~

Since the ideal of the Family Association is accuracy in its records, please fill in all blank spaces as fully and as carefully as possible. Give all the references you can. If family Bible is quoted, please tell in whose ownership that Bible is at present time.

1

Name JOHN WILLIAM JONES Address TRENTON, N.J.
Born when? JUNE 15, 1887 Where? PATERSON, N.J.
Married when? NOV. 24, 1910 Where? NEWARK, N.J.
Married whom? MARTHA SMITH Where?
(daughter) of PETER AND MARY (JOHNSON) SMITH

2

Father's or surname WILLIAM RALPH JONES Address
Born when? MARCH 12, 1863 Where? NYACK, N.Y.
Died when? DEC. 19, 1931 Where? PATERSON, N.J.
Married when? APRIL 28, 1885 Where? NEW YORK CITY
Married whom? HELEN MARIE BARLOW
daughter of GEORGE AND JULIA (HOFFMAN) BARLOW
Reference JONES FAMILY BIBLE IN POSSESSION OF JOHN WILLIAM JONES

3

Grandfather's or name RALPH WALTER JONES Address
Born when? JUNE 24, 1838 Where? TARRYTOWN, N.Y.
Died when? JULY 29, 1900 Where? NYACK, N.Y.
Married when? OCT. 12, 1866 Where? TARRYTOWN, N.Y.
Married whom? JENNIE ANN COOL
Daughter of SAMUEL AND ELIZABETH (MILLS) COOL
Reference JONES FAMILY BIBLE IN POSSESSION OF JOHN WILLIAM JONES

4

Above was the son of JOHN ANDERSON JONES Address
Born when? FEB. 11, 1815 Where? NEW YORK CITY
Died when? SEPT. 19, 1864 Where? WASHINGTON, D.C.
Married when? JULY 21, 1836 Where? NEW YORK CITY
Married whom? MARGARET SCHENCK
Daughter of RICHARD AND NELLIE (VANDOREN) SCHENCK
Reference REFORM CHURCH RECORDS IN NEW YORK CITY

2525 North Ninth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana
April 21, 1956

Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Chalfonte-Haddon Hall
Atlantic City, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Rundstrom:

I learned of your address through the printed notice of the coming VAN KOUWENHOVEN - CONOVER REUNION as published in the recent April issue of The New Jersey Genesis.

For some time, I have been trying to contact someone who is familiar with the early history of the Conover Family in New Jersey. I learned several years ago that there was a Miss Tam Conover of Trenton who was a genealogist and very active in the Conover Family Organization. After trying to contact her by mail, letters would be returned marked insufficient address. I have since learned from Harold A. Sonn that Miss Tam Conover died a year or more ago. I next tried to contact Mr. Louis W. Conover of Princeton whom I understood was president of the Conover Family Association but a letter addressed to him was also returned by the postal authorities as having insufficient address.

I am hoping that you may be able to advise me as to the name of the present Historian or Genealogist of the Conover Family Association, or that you might be willing to refer this letter to someone who is familiar with the early records of the Conover Family.

Most sincerely yours,
Walter O Shriner

Walter O. Shriner
2525 N. Ninth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

2525 North Ninth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana
March 26, 1956

Miss Tam Conover
Conover Family Association
Trenton, New Jersey

Dear Miss Conover:

Some time ago I was advised by Mr. Harold A. Sonn of 49 Grosvenor Road, Short Hills, N. J., to get in touch with you relative to the early history of the Conover Family in New Jersey. Mr. Sonn informed me that the Conover Family Association was very active and that you were a professional genealogist and head of the association.

My wife is a descendant of one Rachel Covenhoven, born Sept. 7, 1712; married Benjamin Van Cleve, son of Isbrant and Jannetje Aertse(Vanderbilt) Van Cleve, on Sept. 9, 1734 at Middletown, New Jersey. Benjamin and Rachel (Covenhoven) Van Cleve settled in New Brunswick, N.J., where Benjamin was a pardner with his brother, Aaron Van Cleve, in the shipping business until about 1751 when Aaron removed to North Carolina and Benjamin removed with his family to Freehold, Monmouth Co., New Jersey. Rachel(Covenhoven) Van Cleve died at Freehold, N.J., on July 10, 1801 and her husband died July 3, 1774.

Benjamin and Rachel (Covenhoven) Van Cleve had eleven children, according to Journal left by their grandson, Benjamin Van Cleve, of Dayton, Ohio, as follows:

1. Jane (Jannetje), born Mar. 2, 1736 at New Brunswick; married Daniel Hays in Monmouth Co., N.J.a and living in 1819.
2. Cornelius, born June 26, 1741, and died at Freehold at age of 19, years.
3. Margaret (1st), born June 26, 1741, twin of Cornelius and she died at New Brunswick, N.J., on Aug. 7, 1742(Looks as if the twins were named for Rachel's parents?).
4. Margaret (2nd), born June 4, 1743, at New Brunswick, N.J.; died in Freehold on Sept. 29, 1760, aged 17 years.
5. Eleanor, born Aug. 6, 1745, at New Brunswick; and she died at New Brunswick on Oct. 8, 1747, aged 2 years.
6. Benjamin, born Feb. 28, 1747 at New Brunswick, N.J.; married and was living in Monmouth Co in 1819.
7. John, born May 16, 1749 at New Brunswick; married Catherine Benham, dau. of Peter and Amey (James) Benham, in Monmouth Co., N.J., on Aug. 1, 1771; served as Capt. in Rev.; removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was killed by Indians on June 1, 1791. This man is ancestor of my wife as well as also ancestor of Wilbur and Orville Wright, inventors of the first airplane.
8. William (1st), born June 6, 1751 and died 5 days later at Freehold, Monmouth Co., N.J.
9. William (2nd), born June 7, 1752 at Freehold, N.J.; married

and settled in Monmouth County, N. J., where William died in 1813, according to his nephew's journal on file at Dayton, Ohio.

10. Anna , born Sept. 24, 1754 at Frehold, N. J.,; married Thomas West and they settled in Monmouth Co., N.J.
11. Rachel , born Aug. 16, 1757 at Freehold, N. J.; married Isaac Wynkoop, son of John Wynkoop; and they settled in Montgomery Co., Pa., about 17 mi. west of Phila., where Isaac died in 1827. The widow, Rachel, filed request to have Isaac Van Cleve administer the estate.

In Benjamin Benham Van Cleve's journal, he also gives other Conover marriages into the Van Cleve Family. In the case of another Benjamin Van Cleve, son of John and Engeltie (Louwerens) Van Cleve, who was born in Flatbush, Long Island, on Nov. 25, 1683; who married 1st Hendricke Sutphen and 2nd widow of Charles Van Dyke; who settled in Pleasant Valley, Monmouth, New Jersey. According to the journal, this Benjamin Van Cleve had nine children, two of whom married Conovers, namely:

1. Lysbeth, born May 19, 1705; married William Covenhoven (and pronounced Conover), and they lived near the Monmouth County Court House and were the progenitors of most of the Conovers in New Jersey.

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6. Benjamin, Jr. born Dec. 21, 1718; married Helen Conover and they settled on the old home place in Pleasant Valley, Monmouth Co., N.J.

Some time ago, I noted that an account of the early Conover Family in America was given in Samuel Scott Brewer's History of the Brewer Family:

CONOVER (COUWENHOVEN)

"Wolfert Gerretse Van Couwenhoven emigrated with his wife Neeltje and children from Couwenhover, a small estate four miles west of Amersfoort in the Province of Utrect, Holland, in 1630, to Rennsyllerswyck, near Fort Orang (now Albany, N.Y.) where he was first employed as Superintendent of Farms by the Patroon Van Rennsyllerswyck. He disliked the surroundings and removed from there to New Amsterdam on Manhattan Island about 1634 where he cultivated a farm. In June, 1637, along with Andrus Hudde, he purchased from the Indians the westernmost of the three flats, in Flatlands and Flatbush, Long Island, for which a patent was given to them by Director Wouter Van Twiller, on June 16, of the same year. Wolfert Gerretse died about 1660. Children:

1. Gerret Woffertse Van Couwenhoven, born in Holland in 1610, came to America with his parents in 1630 and later settled in Flatlands. He married Aeltie, daughter of Cornelius Lambert-

szen Cool of Gowanus, Long Island, and he died about 1645. His children were:
(1) Willem, born about 1637
(2) Jan , born about 1639; married Geraldine, dau. of Nicasius DeSille.
(3) Neeltje, born in 1641; married in 1660, Roelofse Martence Schenck. She died about 1672.
(4) Marytie Gerretse, born in 1644; married prior to 1666, Coert Stevebse Van Voorhees.

2. Jacob Wolfertse Van Couwenhoven who died about 1670 and was married twice as follows: First to Hester Jansen, Second to Magdalena Rysen.

3. Pieter Wolfertse Van Couwenhoven who also married twice: 1st. Hester Symons, 2nd Aeltie Seybrants.

4. Derrick Wolfertse Van Couwenhoven.

5. Jan Wolfertse Van Couwenhoven.

The Somerset County, New Jersey, line of Conovers or Van Couwenhovens descend from the eldest son, Gerret Wolfertse Van Couwenhoven, many of whom later migrated to Conewago, Pa., and thence to Mercer County, Kentucky, and other localities in the west." (Brewer Family, by Samuel Scott Brewer, page 8).

I am wondering how close this Brewer account measures up to the data collected by the Conover Family Association and I would like to know the approximate fee that it would take to connect my wife's ancestress, Rachel (Covenhoven) Van Cleve, born Sept. 7, 1712 and likely the daughter of Cornelius and Margaret (........)Covenhoven if the names of the older children have the usual meaning, with the immigrant Van Couwenhoven.

Perhaps the Conover Family Association has already published a History of the Family. If so, I should like very much to purchase a copy if that be possible.

Most sincerely yours,

Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth St
Terre Haute, Indiana
October 14, 1956

Mrs. Marion H. Thompson
426 Green Street Place
Cainesville, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

The CONOVER family in America stems from Wolfert Gerretsen Van Kouwenhoven who married Neeltje Jansen in Amersfoort, Holland, on Jan. 17, 1605, and who brought his wife and family to New Amsterdam (New York) in 1630. In the succeeding genarations, the name was changed to Covenhoven and still later to Conover. At the present time, all three forms of the name are in use. The Family Association is known as THE VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER Family Association. It was largely the branches which moved over into New Jersey which began using the name Covenhoven (pronounced Conover) and finally Conover. This change occurred prior to the American Revolution.

My interest in the Conover Family History is more or less limited to the generations living prior to the American Revolution. My family (my wife and children) descend from Rachel Covenhoven, daughter of Cornelius Willemse Van Kouwenhoven and wife Margaretta Schenck. This Rachel Covenhoven was born Sept. 7, 1712 at Middletown, N. J., and she married Benjamin Van Cleve Sept. 9, 1734 at Middletown, N.J., and she died July 10, 1801 at Freehold, Monmouth Co., New Jersey.

In regard to your problem of identification of Marie Conover Bertrand, I would suggest that you check through the Van Kouwenhoven Family Genealogy as published in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Vol. 70, pp 231....., 353.... If your connection with the early Conover Family is not given in that series, then you might write to Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, N. J., who is chairman of the Committee of Membership & Genealogical Records, The Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, Inc. I think that you would need to make application for membership in the association before Mrs. Rundstrom would conduct the search. As I recall, the fee was only $3.00 and the research is done free. The Association has accumulated a considerable amount of official records and I know of no simpler way for you to solve your problem than through the association. First, however, check through the published account in the N.Y.G.& B. Record as listed above. Since you descend from an early Governor of New Jersey, you might find a complete family history of that family which would connect you with the Conover branch.

Very truly yours,
Walter O. Shriner

Walter O. Shriner

1625 1964

You are cordially invited to attend the

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in America and the

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on Saturday, June 27, 1964

Chalfonte-Haddon Hall Hotel Atlantic City, New Jersey

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

7:00 P. M.—Registration open on Tower floor, Haddon Hall.

9:00 P. M.—Informal program in Viking Room, Tower floor. Jack E. Boucher, senior photographer for the National Park Service and author of ***Absegami Yesteryears***, will give an illustrated talk on "Our Atlantic County Heritage." These pictures won a National Award for Mr. Boucher on his excellent historical photography.
A short talk by (possibly) Commissioner Robert A. Roe, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

9:30 A.M.—Registration open on Tower floor.

10:30 A.M.—Business meeting in Viking room, Tower floor. Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, President, presiding.
Introduction of new members. Memorial service.

12:00 Noon—Buffet Luncheon in Rutland room, first floor, Haddon Hall. Price $4.00 including gratuity.

1:30 P.M.—Buses leave promptly for Historic Batsto, which dates from 1766. We will be guests of the State of New Jersey on this tour. Members MUST wear badges. Bus fare $1.00

7:00 P.M.—Reception Sun porch, Lounge floor, Haddon Hall.

8:00 P.M.—Dutch Treat Dinner in Wedgewood Room No. 2, Lounge floor.

Speaker—Ken Stryker-Rodda, D.LITT., F.A.S.G., speaking on ***"Importance of the Dutch in Early New Jersey History."*** Dr. Stryker-Rodda is president of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey and holds office in many of the leading historical and genealogical societies in New York and New Jersey.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Morning free; to attend the church of your choice, strolling the famous Boardwalk, or just relaxing on the spacious Sun Decks of Haddon Hall and Chalfonte.

12:30 P.M.—Dutch Treat Mid-day Dinner at Historic Smithville Inn, twelve miles from Atlantic City. You will want to browse after dinner in the delightful shops and see this important restoration.

RESERVATION FOR ALL EVENTS

must be made by ***June 20th,*** and sent with check payable to
MRS. LEONARD G. RUNDSTROM, *Chairman*
210 Showellton Ave., Absecor, N. J.

Please use the enclosed reservation card and reply envelope.

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June 7, 1958

Dear Cousin:

Here is the day you have been waiting for! It is the 62nd Annual Reunion of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association which will be held on--

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1958

at the

PRINCETON INN, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Plan now to attend. You will enjoy a day in the country chatting with old friends and making many new ones. Invite all the members of your family to come and make it a reunion within a reunion. Promptly at 11 AM there will be a business meeting and a report by the President covering the present state of the Association, its problems and its plans for the future, which cannot fail to be of interest.

Arrangements have been made for one of our members, who has made many trips to the Netherlands, to show slides of scenes familiar to our ancestors and fascinating to us.

At 12:30 a luncheon will be served at the Inn. You will find enclosed a Reservation card which we would appreciate your mailing in the self-addressed envelope no later than June 23rd together with your check or money-order made payable to the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Sincerely yours,
THE VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY ASS'N INC.
Louis W. Conover, President

P.S.--We would like to suggest that those having any items of Conover or Dutch culture, to bring them to our meeting so we may all enjoy them.

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June 1, 1956

Dear Cousin:

You and your family are cordially invited to attend the 60th Annual Reunion of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association to be held on--

SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd, 1956
at CHRIST CHURCH and FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SHREWSBURY, N. J. - Highway 35, 2 miles south of Red Bank

Come early and enjoy a day in the pioneer setting of the Conover family. A meeting will be held at 11 a.m. in the Presbyterian Church. Just to see this church, built in 1727, is worth your effort to attend.

At 12:30 a family dinner will be served by the ladies of Christ Church in the new Parish House--adults $2.50, children under 12, $1.50. Dinner reservations MUST BE MADE by June 12th. Use the enclosed reservation card and send it with your check or money-order (payable to the Association) in the addressed envelope.

The afternoon session will be in Christ Church, which was established in 1702 and is a fine example of early American architecture. A variety of entertainment has been planned, including an illustrated address by Mr. E. H. Feltus, Director of the Monmouth County Historical Association of Freehold and Middletown. He will show many pictures of historic "Conover country" and the Conovers.

We wish to remind you that our annual dues are now $2.00 as was unanimously approved at last year's annual meeting of our Association.

All Cousins are urged to attend our annual reunion and become acquainted with other members of this fine old family. A warm welcome and a happy day await you at Shrewsbury on June 23rd.

Sincerely yours,
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Louis W. Conover, President

THE VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.

This Certifies That

Mrs Walter O. Shriner

has paid two dollars (one dollar application fee and one dollar for first year dues) for membership in THE VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION INC.

This fee entitles applicant to current year's membership when this applicant's lineage sheet is returned and approved by the members of the Genealogy Committee, and accepted by the Executive Council at its next regular meeting.

When this lineage sheet has been accepted by the Executive Council, it will be exchanged for the permanent record folder, on which must appear the same data, and which must be signed by the applicant and returned to the Association. The permanent record folder then becomes a part of the Family Archives.

Fee Received by Olive C. Rundstrom

Date Apr. 30 1956 *Title or office* Chairman of Membership Committee

Brokaw

Bourgeon Browcard, a French Hugenot exile, fled from France to Mannheim, Palatinate, Germany, thence came in 1675 to Bushwick, Long Island, afterward settling near Newtown, L. I., His wife was Catherine Lefebre, dau of Simon Lefebre, who had been an officer under Admiral Coligney. Of his five sons: John, Jacob, Peter, + Abraham went to Somerset County, N. J. and settled early in 1700. His son Isaac, the eldest, remained on Long Island.

Conewago Baptisms of Brokaw Family

1. Abraham Brokaw + Maria Cozine, his wife.
   (1)
   (2)
   (3)

2 Ferdinand Brokaw + Styntie Petersen his wife
   (1

3. George Brokaw + Neeltie Vanderbilt, his wife
   (1) June 15, 1783 Jores
   (2) Oct 14, 1787 Maria
   (3) Jan 13, 1793 David.

4. John Brokaw + Elizabeth Couwenhoven, his wife.
   (1) June 4, 1786 Jores (George)
   Oct 14, 1787 Gerret
   Nov 8, 1789 John
   Dec 2, 1792 Isaac.

married into Brewer family in Ky-

Wessel Pieterszen, son of Pieter Wesselszen and Jozyntie Thomaszen (Thomas) was born in New York City, Oct. 21, 1671, and was married in the Dutch Church, N. Y., april 20, 1693 to Jacomyntie Couwenhoven, daughter of Jacob Couwenhoven. His children were: (All baptized in the Dutch Church, New York)

1. Jozyntie Pieterszen bapt. May 17, 1695 Wit. Jacob Couwenhoven. Jozyntie Thomas
2. Johannis Pieterszen, bapt. Oct 11, 1696 Wit. Francois Van Couwenhoven & Elyzabeth Van Couwenhoven, his wife (see below)
3. Sarah Pieterszen, bapt. aug. 17, 1701 wts: abraham Mesier & anna Pieters, his wife.
4. Elyzabeth Pieterszen, bapt Oct. 10, 1703 Wit. Daniel Bakelo & Elyzabeth Gerretse, his wife.
5. Jacobus Pieterszen, bapt. Jan. 30, 1706 wt. Johannis Van Couwenhoven & Henrika Ten Eyck, his wife.

Neeltie (Cornelia)
Meta (Mary) in record of French church
Tryntje (Catherine) " " " "
Engeltje (Angelica) " " "
Marritun (Martha) " " "
Areaentje (Adrianna)
Abeltie (Theodosia)
Jannetje (Jane or Janet)
Antie (Anna)
Styntie (Christiann)

John Bercaw + Elyzabeth Couwenhoven had son Isaac b Dec 3, 1790 at Conewago, Pa.
" " " " " son Jores b. June 4, 1786 " "
Jan " " " " " Gerrit b. Oct 14, 1787 " " "
" " " " " " John b. Nov 8, 1789 " " "
" " " " " " Isaac b. Dec 3, 1792 " " "
" " " " " "

Aaltie Brinkerhoff, b. 1634, in Drenthe, Holland, dau. of Joris Dircksen Brinkerhoff, of Brooklyn
m. Willem b. 1637 Couwenhoven Her two brothers settled in New Jersey at Hackensack Bergen Co, N. J.

Charles Hunt, g-grandfather of Wm M. Hunt, was a native of the colony of New Jersey, born in 1742. Charles Hunt married Frasana Smith and removed to Rowan Co., N.C. They had nine sons & five daughters

1. Jonathan
2. James
3. Mary married & removed to Ky.
4 Timothy married Isabel Dewey
5 Rebecca married & removed to Ky.
6. George
7. John
8. Sarah
9 Smith
10 William
11 Nancy
12 Catherine
13 Charles
14 Stephen Gano.

all but two daughters finally settled in Wayne Co. Ind.

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"~~Elberts~~Elbertse married the widow of Garret Wolphertse Van Kouwenhoven. What was left of the Hadde Kouwenhoven patent, he acquired prior to 1666 from Wolphert Gerretson's heirs, in the meantime Wolphert Gerretson resided in Manhattan where he was a small burger in 1658.

Elbert Elbertse Stoothoff m. Altie Cornelisse Cool van Couwenhoven (widow of Garrett-

Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of New Utrecht, Long Is

Antie Benham b. Feb 27, 1726 to Jos. & Catryna
Cornelis " b. June 25, 1732 to Cors. & Helena
Maria, & Jan b. apr 1, 1733 to Jos. & Catrina
Jan " b. Sept 26, 1736 to Jos & Catrina

bapt. in Church of N.Y.

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Susanna, b. 26 May 1667 to Jan Gerson & wife Grietie Snedin. p. 87

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June 30, 1956

Dr. Walter O. Shriner
2525 N. Ninth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana
Dear Dr. Shriner:

The application paper for Mrs. Shriner is now completed and I am enclosing it together with the "Registration of Membership" paper. Congratulations on such a complete line!

Will you please copy all of the information, including references, that is on the Application paper on to the Registration of Membership paper, have Mrs. Shriner sign it and return the Registration paper to me . You may keep the Application paper for your own files.

As soon as I have received the completed Registration paper I will forward a certificate of membership to Mrs. Shriner.

Our Annual Reunion, which was held last Saturday,at Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, was a delightful affair. I hope that you and Mrs. Shriner may be able to attend one of these reunions in the near future.

I, too, am a member of the D.A.R., plus several other patriotic societies, and I have joined most of them through my Conover line.

Sincerely yours
Olive C. Rundstrom
Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom

September 18, 1956.

Dear Dr. Shriner,

The N.J. Genesis gives your name, as with something on 'Conover' so maybe you can help me solve an old matter.

My ancestor, Abraham Bertrand, physician of Hunterdon Co., N.J. born 1730, married Rebecca Moses-nothing more on her in my records, as to where she came from-when and where buried etc-

Abraham Bertrand had a son, among others, named David, B. 1763, and he and his father served in the Revolution, together. He married Deborah Reading, granddaughter of the Gov. of N.J. He was a physician in Phila. for 25 years. His daughter was named, Marie Conover, and so far, have found no special reason for another family NJ name, and hope you can tell me how she came to be Marie Conover Bertrand.

She married my G. G. Grandfather, John Mulford, Jr. B. Gloucester Co. N.J. 1800, who moved to Phila. about 1825-and both are buried there.

Marie may be Maria, but she looks like Marie, as she and John hang on the wall in a cousins' home in upper New York.

I am told that there are several records of births, christenings and deaths, among marriages between Mulford and Conover, with a variety of spellings for both names, but know nothing about the descendants, and have never heard the name, Conover, since coming South years ago, with only one Mulford, and he did not belong to the NJ branch.

Anything you may be able to tell me will certainly be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Marion Mulford Thompson

Ans. Oct. 14, 1956
W.O.S.

October 25,1956.

My dear Mr.Shriner,

Your splendid letter was much appreciated,with its Conover information,as regarding your family,and the way the name later became CONOVER,and will be filed for future work on the name,when I learn more about the possible connection between Deborah Reading and Dr.David Bertron,whom she married,perhaps by blood,or perhaps pure sentiment,but their only daughter was named Maria Conover Bertron,so there must be a reason

I appreciate your suggestions about the NY Gen.and Biog.Soc.also Mrs.Rundstrom,and her connection with the Conover Family Ass'n.

Abraham Bertrand,father of Dr.David Bertron, was in the Revolutionary War,together with David,aged 14, as the Fifer,in the samecompany,which is a nice story and documented at the DAR headquarters. A grandson is a member of the SAR,on these two names.

Your letter from a busy gentleman is appreciated more than you might imagine.

Very truly yours,

Marion M. Thompson

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THE BEAVERS FAMILY ASSOCIATION
OF NEW JERSEY

April 17,1951

Dr Walter O.Shriner
2525 North Ninth St
Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Dr.Shriner:-

The enclosed bulletin is self explanatory, composed immediately after receipt of your letter of the 12th. and one from Mr.Clayton Torrance of the Virginia Historical Society.

Your address was obtained from a recent copy of Everton's Handy Book of Genealogists, where I saw the name Purcell listed under your name.

My office is in New York City and I commute daily from Short Hills, N.J. Genealogy is a hobby of mine, and not for pecuniary gain. I am international distributor of "NuAce" Mounting Corners" which you and many of your students have no doubt used for years.

Your letter was very interesting and came just as I have been doing some intensive research, after stating that I was "through" for quite some time to come, having spent eleven years on the published Beaver History. It was a challenge to me to resume, if I could get some further assistance, without too much travelling. Your wife any myself are well mixed up with old Jersey names. I stem from not only Beavers, but the Harts of L.I. The Lannings of L.I. and N.J. the Fritts of N.Y. and N.J.The Probasco's, the Honness's and of course a more recent emigrant, the Sonn's of Germany who entered N.J. in great migration just before our Civil War, about 1848.

After reading my bulletin, maybe you can locate CHARITY(Beavers)Purcell and her husband, thought to be a John Purcell, and their one daughter of record, ANN. Also the Joseph Beavers Gano who married a Reeder and moved many generations ago to Reeder's Corners N.Y.

The Conover family are numerous in N.J. of Dutch origin and have a very active family association headed by a professional genealogist a Miss Tam Conover of Trenton N.J.

Conovers, Stouts, Fritts, Bangharts, Alpaughs, Andersons, Hunts, Laroches, all abound with Beavers in my history. Sorry that you are not near a volumn of my book, "History of Col. Joseph Deavers 1728-1816 et al" It was a very limited edition of 125 copies only in black buckram and I have only two copies left.

I have an addresz of a Mr. Shipman Pursel, R.F.D. at Phillipsburg N.J. Historian of the Pursel, Purcel Family. He is a man about 50 yrs. of age and still very active in Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church at Bloomsbury, N.J. where he commutes about 12 miles every Sunday and is on the Board. ~~This man was originally [illegible]~~. You can have some fun with your wife in telling her that the name Purcel comes from French meaning, "Little Pig"

Mr. Shipman Pursel, as he now spells it, had most family records but c ould not find my branch of the family, the John who married Charity Deavers. Probably the Loudon County group solves this problem.

Glad to hear from you at any time, and thank you for your very courteous and instructive letter.

Sincerely,

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DEAR COUSINS:

1975 is the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family's big year! We have a birthday! The Association is planning to hold our 350th Anniversary Celebration at our Annual Reunion on Saturday, June 28, at the American Hotel, Freehold, N. J. (*See page 405 in this Bulletin*)

Circle this date on your calender, don't miss the interesting program we are planning. Mrs. Glenn Stryker-Rodda, noted genealogist and historian, will be our guest speaker. There will be many interesting highlights to see and hear that you won't want to miss.

Have you any old paintings, single or group photos of Conovers, artifacts, mementoes you would like to loan us for this occasion? If so, let me know what you have so we can arrange to display them and return to you after the Anniversary.

We look forward to greeting you on June 28th.

Cordially,

Charles P. Conover, *President*

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—Has a Baby
—Has an Anniversary
—Changes address
—Receives an Award
—Has any honors bestowed
upon him or her
—Or Dies

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Send such items with complete particulars to Herbert T. Conover.
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Celebrated the Tercentenary in America, May 30, 1930, at Hotel Suburban, East Orange, N. J.

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SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE

348th Anniversary and 77th Annual Reunion

OF THE

VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

JUNE 23, 1973

The Seventy-Seventh Annual Reunion of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association was held on June 23, 1973, at the First Presbyterian Church in Cranford, New Jersey. The meeting was opened by the president, Charles P. Conover. He welcomed those in attendance and gave a brief review of the events of the past year.

The secretary, Mrs. Lola S. Cheney, read the minutes of the Trustees' Fall and Spring meetings and the 1972 Reunion. Communications from absent members were also read.

Treasurer's Report. In the absence of the treasurer, the president read the report.

Balance on hand June 25, 1972		$1,997.08
Money Received:		
Dues and New Members	$ 582.00	
Agent for supplies, supplies sold	162.06	
1972 Reunion Luncheons	445.50	1,189.55
		$3,186.63
Money Paid Out:		
Printing and supplies	$ 230.82	
W. H. Sims for jewelry	171.70	
New Jersey State Sales Tax	4.67	
Cranford Presbyterian Church	15.00	
Charles P. Conover	14.43	
Petersons Sunset Cabin	393.00	
Treasurer for postage	12.00	$ 841.62
Balance on hand June 23, 1973		$2,345.01

Historian's Report. Miss Lorraine Conover, thanked people for articles sent in. She requested that the date and name of the newspaper be put on all articles sent in. She also asked for a picture of the group that went to Holland in 1972.

The Agent for Supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, reported that the supplies sold since the last Reunion amounted to $241.75.

Membership Committee Report. Mrs. Thomas Roberts, Membership Committee chairman and genealogist, reported fifteen new members and four members transferred from associate to Ancestral membership.

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Cemetery Committee Report. Wilson N. Conover, chairman, reported that the County had taken care of the Covenhoven-Conover cemetery.

Under old business, Arthur Kouwenhoven reported that the committee in charge of the 350th Anniversary, which will take place in 1975, would like to receive suggestions for this event. The following possibilities were suggested as a place for the anniversary to be held: Grandin, Atlantic City, Dutch Reformed Church in Flatlands, L. I., and the Dutch Reformed Church in Dumont, N. J.

Under new business, Mrs. Helen Schenck, chairman of the Nominating Committee, submitted the following names for three year terms on the Board of Trustees: Donald V. N. Conover, George R. Conover, Jeffrey C. Conover, Wilson N. Conover, Mrs. Layton S. Smick, Mrs. William G. Schenck and Mrs. William A. Van Brunt. The report was accepted and the Secretary authorized to cast the ballot. The new trustees and officers were asked to stand.

Memorial Service. The memorial service for deceased members was conducted by Miss Janice V. N. Conover. Vocal solos were sung by Mrs. Donald V. N. Conover accompanied on the organ by her husband Donald V. N. Conover.

The meeting was then adjourned for lunch at 12:00 noon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting reconvened at 2:00 PM. George R. Conover, chairman of the Reunion Committee, welcomed the members to the church and to the Reunion.

Donald V. N. Conover rendered several musical selections on the organ.

The speaker of the day was Princess Mary Ann (Red Cloud) Lehner of Whippany, N. J., her subject being "Problems of the American Indian."

She outlined the Indian's plight in sub-standard housing and education among many problems facing the redman today. They are working hard for a change, but they want to see it accomplished in a peaceful way.

Noting that her tribe, the Oglala Sioux, excell in beaded work, she exhibited beaded dresses and other items made of beadwork, as well as dried foods such as turnips and berries to illustrate the Indian's method of food preservation.

Princess Red Cloud is the great-great-granddaughter of Oglala Sioux Chief Red Cloud, the primary Sioux leader of the late 1800s, and is said to be the man responsible for the Treaty of 1868 in which the United States recognized the Sioux title to the western half of South Dakota and the Powder and Big Horn Drainage in Wyoming.

In the recent negotiations at Wounded Knee, said the Princess, one of the major concerns was governmental violations of this treaty.

Distribution of awards was conducted by Arthur B. Kouenhoven and Thomas S. Roberts; the oldest member present was James Conover of Princeton, N. J.; member traveling the farthest, Ellsworth Conover of St. Petersburg, Fla.; family with the largest number present, Conover family of Princeton, N. J.

Mrs. Thomas S. Roberts read a resolution in recognition of Mrs. Clarenc Dawley for her long time active and interested service as a member of th Association as follows —

> *RESOLVED: That the Officers, Trustees and members of the Va Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association do, by this Resolution, recognize the important and valued services rendered by our retiring Trustee, Mrs. Helen Dawley. Mrs. Dawley joined the Association in 1952. She wa justly proud of her Dutch heritage through the Conover and relate families. She was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1954 and her loyal support and sound counsel has been greatly appreciated throughout thes years. Her membership on the Schenck-Couwenhoven Cemetary Committee, her material and constructive service thereto will long be remembere and greatly missed.*

This Resolution is an expression of our gratitude for her dedicated activit and a copy of this Resolution is given to Mrs. Dawley as a demonstration o our sincere thanks. Mr. President I move the adoption of this Resolution. Th move was seconded and so adopted.

Miss Janice Conover was honored for sixteen years of service as Secretar as she is moving to Florida.

The meeting was closed with the traditional singing of "Blessed Be th Tie That Binds," with the benediction of Charles P. Conover.

Respectfully submitted.
MRS. LOLA CHENEY, Secretar

—— VK ——

Report of the Board of Trustees' Spring (1973) Meeting

The regular Spring meeting of the Trustees of the Van Kouwenhove Conover Family Association was held on April 14, 1973 at Peterson's Suns Cabin, Lakewood, N. J.

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 AM by the president, Charles Conover, with the following trustees in attendance:

Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson
Mrs. Lola S. Cheney
Herbert T. Conover
Howard E. Conover, Jr.
Miss Janice D. Conover
Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
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Mrs. Layton G. Smick

The president welcomed those in attendance and regrets were read fro those who were unable to attend.

The minutes of the Fall 1972 Trustees meeting were read by the Secretar and approved.

Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson, treasurer, read the following:

Balance on hand October 14, 1973		$2,381.28
Money Received:		
Dues and New Members	$61.00	
Agent for Supplies	75.55	
		135.55
		$3,516.83
Money Paid Out:		
W. H. Sims Inc. for Men's ring	$75.75	
New Jersey State Sales Tax	3.55	
		79.30
Balance on hand April 14, 1973		$2,437.53

Membership Committee Report. Mrs. Helen Roberts, Genealogist, submitted the following applications for membership — William Allen Halloway, Mrs. James W. Daly, Mrs. Patricia E. Callagan, Mrs. Peter M. Robinson, Raymond J. Conover, Jr., Mrs. Richard S. Rogers, Rev. Sylvan J. Conover, and Mrs. Georgia Kennedy. Nine Associate members were transferred to Ancestral membership.

Agent for Supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, reported sale of supplies since her last report on October 14, 1972 amounts to $71.00.

Family Bulletin. Herbert T. Conover, editor announced that the association's Annual Family Bulletin should be out in May.

Cemetery Committee. Wilson N. Conover, chairman, reported that the Conover-Schanck Cemetery in Holmdel is in good condition.

Historian. Miss Lorraine Conover, being absent, submitted no report.

There followed a discussion about the original Kouwenhoven home in Holland, because of a request by a member for a picture of the same. The original house is gone, but a Dutch farmhouse stands in its place. Arthur Kouwenhoven will send a picture of the present house to the party who requested it. This was followed by reminiscing about the trip made by some of the members to Holland the summer of 1972.

It was recommended that notices for dues not be sent out until after the Annual Reunion. This will alleviate the necessity of sending notices to all of the members.

The meeting was then adjourned for lunch and reconvened at 2:00 PM.

Annual Reunion. The President, Charles P. Conover, reported that the Annual Reunion on June 23, 1973 will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Cranford, New Jersey. If anyone had suggestions for a speaker they were requested to contact the Reunion Chairman, George R. Conover.

The 350th Anniversary Reunion. The Committee in charge of the Reunion in 1975 which will commemorate the three hundred and fiftieth (350th) anniversary of the establishment of the family in America, indicated that they would meet previously to the Annual Reunion and report at that time any recommendations or progress made.

Nominating Committee Report. Mrs. Helen L. Schanck, chairman, submitted the following report; For three year term on the Board of Trustees —

Donald N. N. Conover
George R. Conover
Jeffrey C. Conover
Wilson N. Conover
Mrs. Layton S. Smick
Mrs. William G. Schanck
Mrs. William A. Van Brunt

Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies, reported that a new supplier for family jewelry had been obtained and that there is still some jewelry on hand from the old source.

Herbert Conover and Mrs. Helen Roberts have perused and depleted the files donated to the association by Ellsworth Conover and have made the proper disposition of the same.

Mrs. Helen Roberts recommended that a letter be sent to Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley and a Resolution of Commendation be drawn up in appreciation of her services and interest in the family association, and that they be presented to Mrs. Dawley after the Annual Reunion in June 1973.

Recommendation was made that a change be made in the place for the next Trustees meeting. The time and place for the next meeting will be announced at a future date.

LOLA S. CHENEY, Secretary

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Report of the Board of Trustees' Fall (1973) Meeting

The regular Fall meeting of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association was held on October 27, 1973 at the Smithville Inn, Smithville, N. J. The meeting was called to order by the president, Charles P. Conover, with the following officers and other personnel in attendance —

Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson
Mrs. Lola S. Cheney
Charles P. Conover
Donald V. N. Conover
George R. Conover
Herbert T. Conover
Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
Howard E. Conover, Jr.
Miss Janice D. Conover
Wilson N. Conover
John Lyle
Thomas S. Roberts
Mrs. Thomas S. Roberts

There were thirteen authorized personal and ten guests in attendance.

At this time communications from those who were not able to attend were read by the secretary. A note of thanks from Miss Janice Conover for the gift in recognition of her services as secretary was also read.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson, treasurer, presented the following report —

Balance on hand June 1973		$2,345.01
Money Received:		
Reunion Dinners	$ 488.00	
Men's Ring for Mrs. Rundstrom	95.95	
Dues and New Membership Applications	532.00	1,115.95
		$3,460.96
Paid Out:		
Charles P. Conover for Reunion Expenses	$ 508.47	
N. J. State Sales Tax	10.77	
Check returned	3.00	
Postage	18.00	
Printing and mailing of Family Bulletin	880.66	1,420.90
Balance on hand October 27, 1973		$2,040.06

Membership Committee Report. Mrs. Helen Roberts, Genealogist, submitted the following applications for membership in this Association — Mrs. Glenn Waddell, Mrs. Richard Reed, Miss Eloise C. Mader, Melvin H. Conover and Mrs. Carl Maguire.

Agent for Supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent, reported supplies sold at the Reunion $58.29 and since then $19.21, making a total of $77.50.

Family Bulletin. Herbert T. Conover, editor, brought up the question of postage increases on the mailing of the Bulletin. It was suggested that there would be some savings if the Bulletin were ready to hand out at the Annual Reunion. Thanks were extended to the editor for the continued publication of the Family Bulletin.

Cemetery Committee. Wilson N. Conover, chairman, reported that the County had cleaned up the cemetery again.

Thomas S. Roberts will take up the question of sales tax with Walter Kitchel and Arthur B. Kouwenhoven and try to get an I.D. from the State of New Jersey.

Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson reported that the Conovertown First Methodist Church on New York Road, Conovertown, N. J., was re-opened on July 9, 1972.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch and re-convened at 1:30 P. M.

350th Anniversary. It was suggested that the committee in charge of this Anniversary in 1975 be notified that consideration might be given to going to Grandin, N. J., for this Reunion.

The group sang "Happy Anniversary" to Herbert and Viola Conover on their sixty-first anniversary.

Nominating Committee. The president appointed the following nominating committee: Mrs. Helen Schenck, Chairman, Thomas S. Roberts and Wilson N. Conover.

The question of the attendance of the Business Agent at the Trustees' meeting was discussed.

The 1974 Reunion. The Reunion will be held on the fourth Saturday of June the 22nd, 1974. Possible places were as follows: Old Tennent. Freehold or Colt's Neck. The following committee for the Reunion was appointed: Mr. and Mrs. John Lyle, Wilson N. Conover and Mrs. William G. Van Note.

A motion was made and passed that the application fee for membership be increased to $5.00. It also was decided at this time that the yearly dues remain the same, $3.00.

The matter of the Cemetery Savings Account will be referred to the Business Agent, Walter Kitchel.

There was some discussion of how young members could become interested in the Family Association.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on April 6, 1974, somewhere in Central New Jersey. Donald V. N. Conover, Charles P. Conover and Howard Conover will make arrangements for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted.
MRS. LOLA CHENEY, Secretary

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Report of the Board of Trustees' Spring (1974) Meeting

The regular Spring Meeting of the Trustees of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association was held on April 27, 1974, at the Happy Apple Inn, Imlaysville, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Charles Conover, with the following officers and trustees and other authorized personnel in attendance:

Herbert T. Conover
Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
Mrs. Thomas S. Roberts
Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson
Charles Conover
John Lyle
Howard E. Conover
Jeffrey Conover
Wilson Conover
Mrs. Layton S. Smick
Mrs. William G. Schenck
Mrs. William A. Van Brunt
Walter Kitchel
Arthur Kouwenhoven
Thomas Roberts
George Conover
Lola Cheney

The minutes of the Fall Trustees' Meeting were read by the secretary and approved.

Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson, treasurer, reported a balance of $2,196.67 in the Regular Account and $477.61 in the Savings Account.

Membership Committee Report. Mrs. Helen Roberts, chairman and genealogist, submitted applications for membership which were approved.

Agent for Supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, reported that she had an order for a ring.

Cemetery Committee Report. The chairman of the Cemetery Committee, Wilson Conover, reported that he and his son-in-law had cleaned up after the storm.

The meeting adjourned for lunch and re-convened at 1:45 P.M.

Congratulations were in order to Helen Roberts on her Birthday and to Arthur and Rose Kouwenhoven on their Anniversary.

Under Old Business, Arthur Kouwenhoven submitted the following report of suggestions for observance of the family's three hundred and fiftieth anniversary and our 79th Annual Reunion.

SUGGESTIONS FOR 350th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

DATE: June 28, 1975.

PLACE: American House, Freehold. It is accessible, has adequate facilities for meeting, luncheon, displays and parking. The food has been relatively good.

PROGRAM: Since we are celebrating our Family's 350th Anniversary, the program should be informative as to our early history and also should include accomplishments of family members.

EXHIBITS: Members could be invited to bring documents and small family heirlooms for exhibition. Such exhibits would require careful and constant surveillance. The Association should not assume responsibility for them, beyond surveillance.

PUBLICITY: News releases for local papers. Such releases should mention names of members who are residents.

Advance notice of the Reunion should be mailed by end of January 1975.

The Association owns patent papers on a floating dry dock granted to Edward Covenhoven of Greenburg, Westchester County, N. Y., in 1821 and signed by President James Monroe and Secretary of State John Quincy Adams. These could be presented to the Library of the State of New York in Albany where they would be properly preserved. This could be widely publicized.

COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL OR PIN: Such an item would be made available provided there were enough advance orders to insure recovery of production, publicity and mailing costs.

MEMBERSHIP: The anniversary celebration could be used to spark a membership drive. The tract should be revised and reprinted for use in the drive.

ACTION

1. Vote on date and place. Make necessary reservation promptly.
2. An Anniversary Committee should be appointed consisting, among others, of the Chairmen of several sub-committees such as:
   1. Program and Invitation
   2. Publicity
   3. Tract Revision
   4. Commemorative Medal
   5. Exhibits
   6. Membership

The President asked for Volunteers for the Reunion Committee for the three hundred and fiftieth reunion Anniversary.

A motion was made by Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson that the tentative place of the reunion be Freehold, New Jersey. It was seconded by Howard Conover and passed.

The Committee for the Three Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary was appointed by the President: Thomas and Helen Roberts, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven and George R. Conover.

Walter Kitchel suggested a book of Genealogical Lines that would sell at $6.00 per 300 copies. Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson volunteered to check into Mrs. Olive Rundstrom's book of Peter Kouwenhoven's line in South Jersey. Mrs. Helen Roberts reported that Neptune Township Historical Society has reprints of "Early Dutch Settlers" at $12.00. Arthur Kouwenhoven suggested that a copy of the South Jersey book be obtained and a recommendation of the feasibility of such a book be made by Helen Roberts and Walter Kitchel.

The Chairman of the 1974 Reunion Committee, John Lyle, turned the report over to his wife. The Reunion will be held on June 22, 1974, at the American House in Freehold, New Jersey. The Menu will be a choice of Breast of Chicken or Roast Top Sirloin of Beef. Reservations were made for 10 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. The speaker will be Fred Sanders and he will speak on the Bicentennial Plans. Mrs. Laura Van Note will take care of reservations. Tickets will be $5.00 for adults and $3.00 for children. Reservations should be in by June 17. It was suggested that a photographer be approached for pictures.

Nomination Committee Report. Mrs. Helen Schenck, chairman, submitted the following report:

President — Charles P. Conover
1st Vice President — Walter H. Kitchel
2nd Vice President — Wilson Conover
Secretary — Mrs. Lola S. Cheney
Treasurer — Arthur B. Kouwenhoven
Genealogist and Membership Chairman — Mrs. Thomas S. Roberts
Historian — Miss Lorraine Conover
Agent for Supplies — Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
Editor of Family Bulletin — Herbert T. Conover
Agent — Walter H. Kitchel

Trustees for 1974-77 (3 years)

Mrs. Lola S. Cheney
Mrs. Thomas S. Roberts
Walter H. Kitchel
Mrs. Olive Rundstrom
Mrs. D. C. Cook
Herbert T. Conover
Mrs. Herbert T. Conover

A possible 18 or 20 people were reported to go on the trip to Europe this summer.

The next Trustees Meeting will be October 12, 1974, at the Happy Apple Inn, Imlaysville, New Jersey.

Howard Conover moved that we adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. LOLA CHENEY, Secretary

— *New Members* —

APRIL 14, 1973

Mrs. William A. Halloway
744 Hunters Court
Moorestown, N. J. 08057

Mrs. James W. Daly
115 N.W. 52nd Street
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Mrs. Patrick E. Callaghan
1901 Montague Street
Lake Worth, Florida 33460

Mrs. Peter M. Robinson
113 Guadeloupe Drive
Toms River, N. J. 08753

Mrs. Richard B. Rogers
361 Fort Street
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764

Mr. Raymond J. Conover, Jr.
2 Hunt Road
Bordentown, N. J. 08505

Rev. Sylvan J. Conover
Superior of St. Lawrence Friary
Milton, Mass. 02186

Miss Jane L. Snedeker
Province Line Road
Princeton, N. J. 08540

Mrs. Georgia Kennedy
R. R. No. 3
Decherd, Tennessee 37324

OCTOBER, 1973

Mrs. Mildred Waddell
1 Country Club Lane
Centralia, Illinois 62801

Mrs. Richard Reed
R.D. No. 1, Box 244 E
Ringoes, N. J. 08551

Mr. James Phillip Moss
23 Jones Place
Jacksonville, Illinois 62650

Mr. Melvin H. Conover
2221 McCarmel Avenue
Glenside, Pa. 19038

Mrs. Carl Maguire
Liberty Street
Madison, Conn. 06643

Miss Floise C. Mader
912 Tower Place
Nashville, Tennessee 37204

APRIL 27, 1974

Mr. James P. Moss
23 Jones Place
Jacksonville, Illinois 62650

Mrs. Byron O. Edwards
410 East Beardstown
Virginia, Illinois 62691

Mrs. Roberta E. Keifer
20 Central Avenue
Point Pleasant Beach, N. J. 08742

Mrs. W. P. Burrell
298 Pond Street
South Weymouth, Mass. 02190

Mrs. Charles M. Stelter
305 Crescent Place
Shenandoah, Illinois 51601

Conovertown, New Jersey

(Now a section of Absecon)

Written by OLIVE RUNDSTROM (Daughter of Harry B. Conover)

Conovertown, New Jersey, 1900. A settlement along the Shore Road above Absecon is known as Conovertown (formerly Conoverville). In 1900 a representative of the Atlantic City Press passed through there, and after passing the homes of two or three Conover families asked an approving citizen with, "will you kindly tell me who lives in that house with its peculiar and beautiful porch?" "Captain David Conover," was the reply. "And who lives in the second house beyond?" — "W. B. Parsels whose wife was a Conover." "And next?" — "Daniel H. Conover." — "And across the street?" Harry L. Frank and Daniel E. Conover, Jr., occupy those two houses." "Who lives opposite?" "Micajah Conover and Reuben E. Adams whose wife is a Conover." "Mrs. Elizabeth Hammell opposite is a sister of Captain David Conover." "Then who lives in the house beyond the little wood colored house this side of the road?" — "Israel Conover, and next is Enoch Giberson who married the widow of Lemuel Conover."

"Next to this is the old Conover homestead which was built by John Conover who was born in 1808." "Next are the homes of Lewis Conover and Harry B. Conover." "Whose house is across the road at the edge of the hill?" "That John Conover's." "And across from that?" "That is my home." "And your name?" "Gilbert Conover," was the reply.

Conover is rightly named. Since the year 1900 when the article appeared in the Press there has been a church and a fire house erected in Conovertown. In the 1800's religious services were held in the old schoolhouse on Schoolhouse Lane, now Biscayne Avenue. This building is now owned by the Lutheran Congregation.

Conovertown was owned and settled by John Conover (Covenhoven). He was born in Great Egg Harbour in 1772 and died in Conovertown in 1847. He was the son of Micajah and Deborah (Stanton) Covenhoven. Micajah Covenhoven (Conover) served in the Revolutionary war.

THE HISTORY OF THE CONOVERTOWN CHURCH

by ELAINE C. ABRAHAMSON

In 1910 the people of Conovertown decided they needed a Chapel of their own. They had been holding a Sunday School in the Conovertown School. There are records of Sunday School Classes as far back as 1859 listing the names of the Teachers and the class members.

On April 6, 1910 the townspeople gathered together and formed the Bayview Methodist Episcopal Sunday School Building Fund Association. The officers were: President, Gilbert Conover; Vice President, C. J. Weaver; Secretary, A. J. Craven.

A committee was formed to solicit funds and Dime Books were given out to all those interested including many children in the town. Ground for the building was donated by Mr. and Mrs. E. Conover. James Somers was given the contract for the building in the amount of $1,175.00. Men in the town volunteered to dig the cellar.

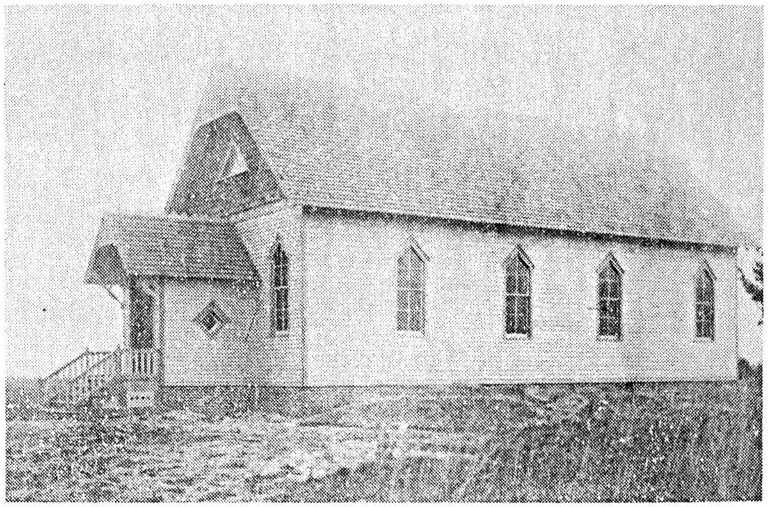
The first Strawberry Festival was held in May 1910 with a committee which included Adah Sooy, Edna Ristine, Mrs. McAnney, Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Leon Conover, and Mrs. Maggie Conover. A report on this first festival tells us they received $24.32 from the sale of the tickets and $20.58 from sales at the stand. They had to pay $2.70 for strawberries, $1.15 for bananas, 60c for ice, 30c for tickets and 15c for salt. They figured proceeds were $40.00.

The cornerstone laying took place during August. I've been told that all the children in town donated Lincoln Head Pennies that were placed in a tin cookie box and placed in the stone.

An organ was donated by C. J. Heppee & Son, through Mr. Craven and Mr. B. Risley gave a chandelier of four lamps. The pulpit table that was given by Mrs. Cora Conover and the two pulpit chairs given by Mrs. E. Boyce Nourse are still in use in the church.

A note from the 1st Nat. Bank of Pleasantville dated March 7, 1911 lists John W. Conover, Willis R. Conover, C. M. Kisler, A. J. Craven, and Gilbert Conover as original trustees. In 1912 Daniel Conover was elected as trustee.

Mr. Benjamin F. Sickman helped the young boys in the town organize a group called The Coming Men of America. Their motto was Service and Honor to God, Home, and Country. The ideals they worked for are best stated by a quote from their oath of allegiance: "I will always be loyal and patriotic to my God, my Honor, and my Country at all times and in all places."



CONOVERTOWN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School and an Evening Service was held for many years with the Minister from Absecon officiating. By the 1940's only afternoon Sunday School was being held and although there was a very active youth group, few adults seemed interested in the chapel. Rev. P. Richard Comer formed the youth group that worked together on programs for Children's Day, Easter, and Christmas. The group always went caroling on Christmas Eve and enjoyed Parties, Hay rides, and working on Community Projects.

In July 1952 another meeting was held to see if people were interested in reviving the church. It was decided to form a new church that would be called The Bayview Methodist Church. We would join Oceanville and Smithville in sharing a minister.

A Property Committee was formed to check into the cost of repairing the church and a Finance Committee to raise money for the repairs. Some of the members, such as John W. Conover II, William Harper, and Ernest Lang spent many long hours painting, sanding, and repairing, while others like

Mrs. Bessie Conover, Mrs. Dorothy Lang, Mrs. Marion Conover, and Mrs. Alice Smith scrubbed, polished and cleaned.

A new roof was put on and the building was painted inside and out. New pulpit furniture was purchased and a new carpet layed. Everything was ready for the Dedication on Sunday, November 23, 1952. A Dedication service was held at 3:00 in the afternoon with Dr. Franklin Buck as speaker and an evening church service was held at 7:30 with Rev. Ernest Kelloway speaking. The church was filled to overflowing and it was a proud day for Conovertown

Evening service was held for many years, after that was discontinued a mid-week prayer meeting was held with Rev. Harry Zane, until again interest seemed to lag, and the church was left vacant and empty for a few years.

Then again history repeated itself in 1972 when another meeting was held and church services were resumed on a monthly basis. Mr. Norman Thomas, a Certified Lay Speaker in the Methodist Church, volunteered to conduct services. The church is now known as The Conovertown Methodist Church and attendance has averaged thirty.

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Recent Events in the Family Circle

— *Births* —

Amy Elizabeth Conover, born December 2, 1973, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Conover of Kendall Park, N. J. They have one other child, Melissa Anne, 2.

Carolyn Carol Conover, born December 31, 1973, to Stephen and Marlene Conover of Yuma, Arizona. Mrs. Grace M. Conover of Reno, Nevada is the baby's great-grandmother.

Lindsay Katherine Conover, born May 22, 1973, to Mr. and Mrs. George Storer Conover, Jr., of 2439 Boheme Drive, Houston, Texas. The paternal grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. George Storer Conover, Sr., of 225 Melbe Drive, Jensen Beach, Florida.

Lori Ann Conover, born January 23, 1974, to Mr. and Mrs. Neal Conover of Route 57, Stewartsville, N. J., in Warren Hospital.

Troy Douglas Conover, born September 21, 1972, to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey C. Conover of Neshanic Station, N. J.

Amy Sutherland Wheelock, born January 23, 1972, to Mr. and Mrs. David E. Wheelock of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Her sister, Jennifer Hunt Wheelock, born June 29, 1868, and Amy are great, great grandchildren of Nathan S. Conover of Clinton, N. J. Mrs. Wheelock is the former Linda S. Rogers of New Canaan, Conn.

Andrew Edward Babinchek, born August 27, 1973, to Mr. and Mrs. Blaine E. Babinchek of Hamburg, Germany. Mrs. Grace M. Conover of Reno, Nevada is the baby's great-grandmother.

Beatrice Ruth Wheeler Rogers, born March 14, 1973, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bruce Rogers of 361 Fort Street, Nelsonville, Ohio. Her brother, David Bruce Rogers, born August 6, 1970, are great grandchildren of Mrs. Florence Van Note Wheeler of Point Pleasant Beach, N. J.

Christopher David Jeffrey Mills, born February 10, 1974, to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Mills of 143 Main Street, Sayreville, N. J. The baby's grandmother is Mrs. Mary Conover Mills of Somerville, N. J.

Jerry Lynn Larsen, born November 18, 1973, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Larsen of Centerville, Utah. Mrs. Grace M. Conover is the baby's great-grandmother.

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348th ANNIVERSARY

OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE

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VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY

ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, JUNE THE TWENTY-THIRD

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

— Program —

— VK —

Registration — 10:30 A.M.

Annual Meeting - 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR
Charles P. Conover, President

BUSINESS MEETING

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Secretary	Mrs. Lola S. Cheney
Treasurer	Mrs. Robert A. Abrahamson
Historian	Miss Lorraine Conover
Agent-for-Supplies	Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
Genealogist	Mrs. Thomas S. Roberts
Cemetery Committee	Wilson N. Conover
Nominating Committee	Mrs. William G. Schanck

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS (See back page)
Conducted by Miss Janice D. Conover

Luncheon - 12:30 p.m.

— VK —

Afternoon Meeting - 2:00 p.m.

WELCOME - - George R. Conover, Program Chairman

VOCAL SELECTIONS . . . S. Layton Smick
Mrs. S. Layton Smick, Accompanist

ADDRESS - . "Problems of the American Indian"
Mrs. Mary Ann (Red Cloud) Lehner

ORGAN SELECTIONS - - Donald V. N. Conover
"The Old Refrain" - *Fritz Kreisler*
"Liebestraum" - - *Franz Liszt*

DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS
By Past Presidents Arthur B. Kouwenhoven and Thomas S. Roberts

HYMN—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

BENEDICTION . . . . Charles P. Conover

— Memorial Service —

(People standing)

Leader—Miss Janice D. Conover
of Somerville, N. J.

Leader: We dedicate these moments to those of our family who have answered God's call.

Reading by the Leader

It is with great sorrow that we present the following names of members who have entered the Presence of the King.

Leader reads the names of deceased members and flower is placed in vase for each one.

CHARLES W. CONOVER, Rockford, Illinois, March 18, 1971
HAROLD N. CONOVER, Port Charlotte, Florida, February 14, 1972
MRS. RALPH CONOVER, Mendham, New Jersey, March 12, 1972
MRS. NELSON S. CONOVER, Somerville, New Jersey, August 19, 1972

Leader: May we bow our heads in prayer.

O God, Thou who are infinite, and whose wisdom is far beyond our ability to understand, we thank Thee for Thy guidance and comfort of the spirit of those who so faithfully lived among us and have returned to Thee. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(People seated)

Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me
And may there be no moaning
At the bar when I put out to sea.

Twilight and evening bell
And after that the dark
And may there be no sadness
Of farewell when I embark.

Vocal Solos—"The Lord's Prayer" - - *Albert Hay Malotte*
"The Stranger of Galilee" - - *Mrs. C. H. Morris*
Mrs. Donald V. N. Conover, Soloist—Donald V. N. Conover, Accompanist

— Marriages —

Patricia Ann Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conover of Mount Joy Road, Milford, N. J., and Richard Charles Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, Jr., of 60 ElReno Avenue, Nazareth, Pa., were married August 25, 1973 at the Washington Methodist Church with the Rev. Wayne Cramsey officiating.

Mrs. Miller was graduated from High Bridge High School in 1972 and from Hunterdon Central Nursing Program in 1973. She is employed by the Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J.

Mr. Miller is a graduate of Nazareth Area Senior High School. He is employed by Chemetron Corporation, Stockertown, Pa.

The couple will reside on Red School Lane in Phillipsburg, N. J.

Stephen L. Conover, son of Louis E. Conover, Jr., of Hayward, Calif., and Marlene C. Oglisby, daughter of Glen C. Oglisby, were married October 18, 1972 in Colon, Republic of Panama.

Constance Ridgway Dawley daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ridgway Dawley of Stamford, Conn., and granddaughter of Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley of Plainfield, N. J., and Ensign James Robert Seeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Seeley of White Plains, N. Y., were married on Jan. 2, 1972, at the Congregational Church, New Canaan, Conn., with the Rev. Charles Crawford Smith officiating.

Mrs. Seeley is a graduate of Hood College, Frederick, Md.

The groom is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

The couple will reside in San Diego, Calif.

Peter Ray Vendenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don George Vandenberg of Dayton, Ohio, and Kathryn Ann Stock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stock of Englewood, Ohio, were married June 9, 1973, in a garden ceremony at the Vandenberg home at 944 Harmon Ave., Dayton, Ohio. The Rev. Milford E. Alter officiated at the ceremony held in the same garden spot at which Peter's parents, Don and Isabel, were married on August 13, 1938.

The groom is the grandson of Mrs. Dorothy Vandenberg and the late Ray Menzo Vandenberg of Deland, Florida, and the late Alfred Swift and Mary Conover Frank of Dayton, Ohio.

The couple are now residing in Denver, Colorado.

— Anniversaries —

Mr. and Mrs. Don George Vandenberg of 944 Harman Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on August 13, 1973. They were pleased and surprised upon receiving congratulations from The President and Mrs. Nixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lake of Line Road, Belle Mead, N. J. were feted with a 50th wedding anniversary on March 24, 1974 at the home of their niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth D. Veghte of Line Road, Belle Mead. Mrs. Lake is the former Katie S. Conover, daughter of the late Cornelius V. L. Conover and Catherine Staats Conover who were among the earlier settlers of the Belle Mead area. The couple were married in the Conover home by the late Rev. William L. Sahler, then pastor of the Harlingen Reformed Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Kitchel of 638B Plymouth Drive, Lakewood, N. J., observed their 40th wedding anniversary June 1, 1973. Mr. Kitchel is business agent trustee of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Conover of Gladstone, N. J. celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on February 25, 1974. Mr. Conover is president of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

– Deaths –

Annie Conover, a widow, 87 years of age, of 34 Mechanic Street, Absecon, N. J., died May 21, 1973 in Shore Memorial Hospital. She had been an attendant for the railroad at the station here for many years. She was born in Atlantic City and a life-long area resident. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Edna Campbell of Pleasantville and Mrs. Sarah Jackson of Brigantine. Interment was in Absecon Presbyterian Cemetery.

Charles W. Conover, 84 years of age, of 8501 Ravere Street, Rockford, Ill., died March 18, 1971, in St. Anthony Hospital after a long illness.

Born April 15, 1886, in Byron, Ill., a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Conover, lived 37 years in Rockford, Ill., coming from Byron. Married the former Margaret Davidson in Oak Park, Ill., November 17, 1923.

Mr. Conover was employed as crib manager by Beardsley & Piper of Loves Park, Ill., for 20 years retiring in 1936. He was formerly employed by Rockford newspapers and was a veteran of World War I, serving in the Canadian Army for four years. He was an elder in Westminster Presbyterian church.

Survivors include his widow, Margaret; four daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Harris and Mrs. Margaret Harris, both of Rockford, Mrs. Barbara Phillips and Mrs. Elayne DeVan, both of Loves Park; three sons, Charles Stuart of LaGrange and David C. and Gordon G., both of Rockford; 17 grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Charles Crowley of Clearwater, Fla., one brother and six sisters preceded him in death.

Elwood (Woody) Conover, 65 years of age, of 33 Chatham Avenue, Pleasantville, N. J., died March 11, 1973, in Shore Memorial Hospital.

Born in Oceanville, he was a lifelong area resident. He was distribution foreman for the New Jersey Water Co., Atlantic County district. He was chairman of the Board of Trustees of Trinity Baptist Church, a member of Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1 and of the Pleasantville Fire Relief Association.

He is survived by his wife, Eva, and one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Baumgartel of Pleasantville. Interment was in Atlantic City Cemetery.

Gladys E. Conover, 68 years of age, a widow, of 120 Coolidge Ave., Absecon, N. J., died May 6, 1973, at Shore Memorial Hospital. Born in Pleasantville, she lived all her life in Atlantic County.

Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Norma E. Morris of Pomona, Mrs. Dorothy Morris of Farmington, Mrs. Gertrude G. Smith of Northfield, Mrs. Doris Dowen of Pleasantville, and two brothers, Walter Maholland of Pleasantville and Ralph Maholland of Northfield. Interment was in Absecon Presbyterian Cementery.

Helen D. Conover, 68 years of age, of 168 Chestnut St., Boonton, N. J., died July 20, 1973, at Riverside Hospital, Boonton Township. She was a lifelong resident here.

She is survived by her husband, William Arnold Conover; a son William A., Jr., August, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Elsie Ryerson, Hammond, Ind.; and a brother, George Emerick of New Port Richis, Fla.

Hugh B. Conover, 89 years of age, of 525 Granada Avenue, Venice, Florida, died May 18, 1973, at the Venice Hospital.

A native of Red Bank, N. J., Mr. Conover was educated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston and at Cornell University in Ithaca, N. Y. Prior to his retirement in 1950 he was chairman of the maintenance committee of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., with headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Previously he had been electrical superintendent, master mechanic and assistant general superintendent of the company's bessemer process steel plant near Steubenville, Ohio, where he and his family resided for some 30 years. He had also worked for the General Electric Co. at Schenectady, N. Y., the Public Service Corp. in New Jersey and the utility department of the city of Sioux City, Iowa.

Shortly after moving to Venice, Mr. Conover was appointed chairman of the City Water Board by the late Mayor Smyth D. Brohard. He served in this position for several years, helping to formulate policies that guided the expansion of the municipal water lines and plant as Venice began its still continuing tremendous growth.

Mr. Conover was currently a member of the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers, which is headquartered in Pittsburgh. While living in Steubenville, he was chairman of the camp committee for the Ohio Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, and received the organization's highest volunteer service award, the Silver Beaver, for his services in directing the construction of two area camps for boys. He attended the Methodist-Episcopal Church while in Ohio.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Edna Stoughton Conover, now a patient at Hillhaven of Venice South; a son, Pete S. Conover, former editor and publisher of the Venice Gondolier and now editor of the Arcadian at Arcadia, Fla.; a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsey, of Houston, Texas; a brother, Dr. C. Sterling Conover, of Bay Head, N. J., and Casey Key, Nokomis; two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy McIntire, of Monmouth Hills, N. J., and Venice, and Mrs. Katherine Collyer, of Madison, N. J.; one granddaugter, Miss Janse Conover, of Venice, and three grandsons, Hugh T. Conover, a student at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas, Gary Cochran, a student at Beloit College in Beloit, Wis., and Timothy Cochran, of Houston, Texas.

Lizzie G. Conover, 89 years of age, died April, 1974, at the Royal Oaks Nursing Home, Madison, N. J. Born in Applegarth, N. J., she had made her home in the Hightstown area for about 86 years, moving here nearly three years ago.

A seamstress, she had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Hightstown for 73 years and for more than 50 years a member of the Hightstown Grange.

Survivors include a son, Charles D. Conover, Jr., of West Palm Beach, Fla.; a daughter, Mrs. H. E. Dunlap of Madison, with whom she made her home; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Martha Jausz Conover, 89 years of age, of 910 Mountain View Circle, Westfield, N. J., died April 19, 1974, at the Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains, N. J.

She was the wife of the late Alvah A. Conover of Lebanon, N. J., who died in 1935. Mrs. Conover moved from Lebanon 22 years ago. Mrs. Conover was born in Hungary in 1885.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Westfield and also a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Surviving are two daughters by a previous marriage, Mrs. John Carter of Westfield with whom she lived, and Mrs. Olga Gundaker of Narbeth, Pa.; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Evans of Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. Olga Cooke of Oakland, Calif., and Mrs. Catherine Hennicke of Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Interment was in Union Cemetery, Lebanon, N. J.

Mary L. Conover Castner, 86 years of age, of 182 Westervelt Avenue, North Plainfield, N. J., died May 16, 1974, at Greenbrook Manor Nursing Home.

She was the widow of Harvey S. Castner, who died in 1957.

She was born in the Conover homestead in Bound Brook Road, Middlesex, in which several generations of her family had been born. It later became the former Middlesex Borough Hall.

Mrs. Castner was the first teacher in the Parker School here and later assisted her husband in the Middlesex tax office for several years.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of New Market and Elizabeth Snyder Chapter of the DAR. She also was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Her only survivors are three nephews, George C. Poulson of North Plainfield, John V. D. Poulson of

Branchburg and William S. Poulson of Williamstown, W. Va.

May S. Conover, of 1913 Franwall Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, widow of Courtney Conover, died in March, 1972. Surviving is a daughter Miss Charlotte Conover. Mrs. Conover was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Sally Conover Van Riper, 95 years of age, of Brookside, N. J., died November 4, 1973, at Riverside Hospital, Boonton Township.

Born in New Vernon, Mrs. Van Riper lived here 33 years. She was the wife of the late Edwin K. Van Riper.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Muriel L. Schaeffer of Union Township.

Interment was in First Presbyterian Church Cemetery, New Vernon, N. J.

William Arnold Conover, 70 years of age, died suddenly October 2, 1973, at Riverside Hospital, Boonton, N. J. He resided at 168 Chestnut St., Boonton, and was a retired self-employed electrician.

Survivors are one son, William A. of Augusta, Ga.; and two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Steinhauser of Kinnelon, N. J., and Mrs. Alice D'Orsi of Parsippany, N. J., and two grandchildren.

Alvah P. Ramsey, 78 years of age, of 4350 Third Avenue S., St. Petersburg, Fla., died July 16, 1973. He was born in Lebanon, N. J., a son of the late James L. and Georgianna Haver Ramsey.

Mr. Ramsev was a farmer in the Whitehouse, N. J. area before moving to Florida 15 years ago. He became a citrus grower in Florida. He was a member of Stewart Lodge, F & AM, Clinton, N. J.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ruthanna Schomp Ramsey, two sons, David A. Ramsey of Haddonfield, N. J., and Kenneth C. Ramsey of Springfield, Mass.; a daughter, Mrs. Jeanne Treadway of Barbourville, Ky.; two sisters, Miss Ida Ramsey of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Mrs. Orion Phillips of Somerville, N. J., and seven grandchildren. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Whitehouse, N. J.

He was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Anna Huff Griscom, 97 years of age, of Maple Avenue, Neshanic Station, N. J., died November 7, 1973, in Somerset Hospital, Somerville, N. J.

She was born in Centerville, N. J., a daughter of the late John V. and Mary Conover Huff, and lived in Neshanic most of her life.

She was a charter member of the United Methodist Church of Neshanic Station, and a founder of the Neshanic Garden Club. For forty years she was Neshanic correspondent for the Courier-News.

Her husband, Minor Griscom, died in 1932.

Surviving are a son, Maurice H. Griscom of Somerville; two daughters, Mrs. James W. Anderson of Ridgefield and Mrs. James F. Boughton of Neshanic Station; a brother, Edwin C. Huff of Neshanic; seven grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Interment was in Neshanic Cemetery.

Eleanor R. Nicodemus, 79 years of age, wife of Frank C. Nicodemus of Nansemont Farm, Walkersville, Md., died January 27, 1973.

She was the daughter of the late Herbert and Effie Conover Elder.

Surviving besides her husband are a brother, two daughters (one of which is Mrs. Janet E. Smith of Westernport, Md.), a grandson, four granddaughters, a great grandson and a great granddaughter.

Mrs. Nicodemus was a long time member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. Her daughter, Mrs. Janet E. Smith is also a member.

Florence E. Kerr of 320 North Brown Street, Titusville, Pa., died November 20, 1972. Miss Kerr was a long time member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

— Conographs —

Press Agent for Famous Band

Carol Conover, daughter of the late model agency czar, Harry Conover, is press agenting the revival of Glen Miller's Army Air Force Band.—*(N.Y. Daily News, Jan. 11, 1973)*

— VK —

Studying Architecture

Kirk H. Conover, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Conover of New London, Conn. and grandson of Mrs. John Howard Conover of Summit, N. J., and his wife, Sharon, have moved from San Diego, Calif. where Kirk was an officer in the U. S. Navy, to New York City.

Kirk is getting his Masters of Architecture at Columbia University, and his wife is employed by Kimberly Knits and she is also a pilot.—*(letter to Editor Feb. 1973)*

— VK —

His Newspaper Receives Top Honors

Top honors were awarded the Springville Herald at the state convention of the Utah Press Association in Salt Lake City Sunday. **Martin Conover**, publisher of the Springville Herald was given the award for General Excellence at a noon banquet.

Entered in the contest were some 23 other weekly newspapers of similar circulation from the state.

General Excellence is the top award given by the press association each year and is based on the newspaper's performance in nine other contests.

The Springville Herald won first place in the best news story contest, first place in the best use of illustrative material, second place in best advertising campaign and first place for best society page.

The newspaper has won general excellence four times in the past twelve years. The paper will not be eligible to win next year as the paper winning the award becomes chairman of the contest committee.

The judges for the contest were comprised of publishers active in the Texas Press Association and the newspapers were sent to Texas for judging.—*(Springville Herald, Springville, Utah, Feb. 14, 1973)*

Resigns as Boro Clerk at 80

After ten years as High Bridg Borough clerk, 80-year old **George C Conover** will resign the end of thi month. He announced his resignatio at Thursday's council meeting.

"The job is getting to be too much for me," said Conover. But although he will no longer have the borough's clerical duties to perform, he will be busy running his insurance business from his home on Fairview Avenue.

Conover lives quite near Cregar Road where he was born. He attended High Bridge High School before moving to Newark for a period of 16 years.

In Newark, Conover worked for Traveler's Insurance Co. as an auditor. But, preferring the country to the city, he returned to his native High Bridge.

Conover's service to the borough is hardly limited to his position as clerk. He also spent several years as tax collector and treasurer and custodian of school funds.—*(The Democrat, Flemington, N. J., Feb. 15, 1973)*

— VK —

Science Students Present Papers

Science department head Leonard Orlando has announced that West Morris Central High School student scientists **Janet Conover**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Conover of Chester, N. J. and Kenneth Philhower, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Philhower of Fairmount, N. J., have won the honor of presenting their research papers at Fairleigh-Dickinson University. The topic of research was "Protein Analysis of Legumes." Under the direction of Frank Homer, the paper was submitted to the North Jersey Junior Science and Humanities Symposium.

The university, in cooperation with Picatinny Arsenal and the United States Army Research Office will be the sponsors.—*(Observer-Tribune, April 19, 1973)*

— VK —

Realtor Authors New Book

Joseph A. Conover, president of the JAC Land Company, Incorporated, has written a book entitled "Thirty Days to Great New Success in Real Estate Sales."

Published by Executive Reports Corporation, a subsidiary of Prentice-Hall Publishing Company, the 300 page book is intended to assist the professional real estate agent to conducting the business more efficiently.

Concentrating primarily in land investments, Conover has conducted a successful real estate business in Hemet for the past 17 years.

Serving as the 1973 president of the Hemet-San Jacinto Board of Realtors and on the Board of Directors for the California Real Estate Association, Conover has striven for continued upgrading and professionalization of the Real Estate business.

In 1964, Conover received the Realtor of the Year Award and was among the first in the state to achieve the G.R.I. Certificate, affording him the educational designation of graduate, Realtor's Institute, a nationally recognized insignia of professionalism.—*(The Hemet News, Feb. 19, 1973)*

— VK —

On the Academic Honor Roll

Laurie Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger F. Conover, Goltra Drive, Basking Ridge, N. J., was placed on the academic honor roll at Connecticut College. She is currently accompanying the chorus in their production of Noah's Flood.—*(Bernardsville News, May 2, 1974)*

— VK —

Receives Military Honor

EDISON — **Colonel Roger F. Conover,** received his eagles' insignia denoting present rank from Major General Harry J. Rockafeller, commanding general of the 78th Division, New Jersey's only Army Reserve division.

Colonel Conover, who serves as Commander of the Division's 3rd Brigade, AIT, Kearny, has been a member of the Army Reserve program since 1954. He is a 1948 graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., and was also graduated from the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He served with the U. S. Army in Austria and Korea 1948-1954.

In civilian life, Colonel Conover is assistant to the vice president, Military Systems, for Bell Telephone Laboratories, Whippany, N. J. *(Bernardsville News, May 10, 1973)*

— VK —

Gets His M.B.A. Degree

Roger F. Conover, 28 Goltra Drive, Basking Ridge, N. J., was recently graduated from New York University's School of Business Administration. His M.B.A. thesis was on "Environmental Factors and the creative process in an industrial research laboratory."—*(Observer-Tribune, June [illegible] 1973)*

— VK —

Enrolled in Naval Air Technical School

Navy Airman Recruit Gary T. Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Conover of Spring Garden Road, Milford, N. J., is enrolled in the Aerographer's Mate School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Lakehurst. Aerographer's mates observe, collect, record and analyze meteorological and oceanographic data *(Hunterdon Democrat, Flemington, N. J., Aug. 16, 1973)*

— VK —

Appointed Post in Utah State Legislature

Selected to fill the unexpired term of Don Strong, Springville, in the Utah House of Representatives is **Martin W. Conover,** publisher of The Springville Herald. His appointment to the post was announced this week by Governor Calvin L. Rampton.

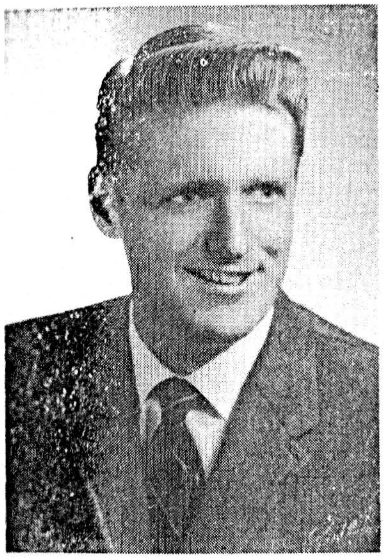
Mr. Strong had resigned his legislative post to accept appointment as an assistant Utah Attorney General. He was elected to the House of Representatives last fall from District 40, which takes in Springville, South Provo, Lake Shore, Benjamin and Santaquin.

Mr. Conover was selected by the governor from three nominees submitted by the Springville Republican Precinct. Other nominees were Ernest A. (Bert) Strong, Jr., father of Don Strong, and Carwin C. Williams, a professor at BYU.

Mr. Conover is a son of Harrison and Margaret Bird Conover. He was born in Provo and reared in Springville, graduating from Springville High School.

After serving a mission for the LDS Church, he completed his studies at Brigham Young University, graduating with a B.S. degree in business administration and a minor in journalism.

He has been active in many civic functions, having served as president of the Springville Chamber of Commerce, president of a Little League baseball organization, board member for the United Way of Utah County, and member of the Springville Kiwanis Club.



MARTIN CONOVER

He has also served as president of the Utah Press Association, which involves all of the weekly newspapers in Utah.

He is married to the former Patricia Olsen of Ogden, and they have two children, Craig 10, and Christi, six.—*(Springville Herald, Springville, Utah, Sept. 13, 1973)*

Ed. Note—Both Mr. Conover and his father are members of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Head Coach Refuses to Reinstate Rice Player

HOUSTON (AP) — A delegation of Rice football players asked university President Norman Hackerman and coach **Al Conover** Thursday to reinstate suspended split end Edwin Collins for Saturday's game against Texas. Both requests were denied.

Conover suspended Collins after the two-year letterman cursed the coach Monday during a disciplinary running drill.

Conover said offensive tackle Sammy Johnson came to his office Thursday morning and asked him "point blank: Can we get Edwin back for the Texas game?"

Conover said he told Johnson "No."

"I know what I had to do and I'm doing it," Conover said. "I'm going to Austin for the Saturday game and all who want to can go with me."

Hackerman said a delegation of Rice players, both black and white, came to his office with the same request.

"They wanted to tell their story because they thought I might get the wrong idea from reading newspapers," Hackerman said. "They wanted to tell me it was not a racial problem. I pointed out to them that I hired a guy to coach. I'll be glad to talk to the coach and to give my personal advice but he'll make the decision."

There are now 25 eligible blacks on the Rice football team. Collins was one of six black starters.

After the requests were made of Conover and Hackerman, a player who asked to remain unidentified said another team meeting would be held later in the day.

Conover confirmed he had talked with Hackerman concerning the problem. The coach added that he was standing behind his suspension decision.—*(Daily Record, Morristown, N. J., Oct. 26, 1973)*

— VK —

Life Wasn't Worth Living Alone

BOONTON — At 71, **William Arnold Conover** had decided to pack his belongings, leave the many years he had spent in this town behind and go to Florida.

He sold his car and his house at 168 Chestnut St. He was paid in cash for both.

His friends recounted yesterday the last two days of friendship they shared with the man they knew as "Irish."

He walked into the Mansion House Tavern on Boonton Avenue Monday, joining his friends in conversation and his customary game of pocket billiards.

Irish had lived alone since his wife Helen died July 20. He had been distraught and this appeared to be the reason for his departure.

Up the street from the tavern, Larry Steinhause recounted that his sister told him Irish said he had sold his house and car and was en route to Florida. Irish's son, William Arnold, Jr., lives there, as does his brother-in-law, George Emerick.

"He's been pretty upset since his wife died," Steinhause noted.

Back at the tavern, Irish paused from his pool game, pulling two shotgun shells from his pocket, said Walter Manella. "He asked my brother Jim, the owner of the tavern, which was more powerful, the number four or eight slug," Manella continued. "My brother replied the four shell."

When Irish returned to the tavern yesterday, he laid his 12-gauge short barrel shotgun against the wall and struck up a game of pool with one of his friends. No one apparently paid much attention to the gun he had with him, his friends recalled.

Irish left shortly after the pool game to drop two envelopes off at the Lewis and Carey Funeral Home, 312 W. Main St. His wife's funeral services were held there.

A funeral director and an apprentice, who happened to be returning to the funeral home at the time, questioned him about the shotgun. He didn't reply, quickly crossing to the other side of the street, said funeral director, Eugene Carey. It was a little before 11 a.m.

Then, as several witnesses watched, police said, Irish propped the butt of the shotgun against a telephone pole, pointed the barrel into his chest, and pressed the trigger with a stick, killing himself.

The envelopes, police said, contained instructions and payment for his funeral and a letter to his son.—*(Daily Record, Morristown, N. J., Oct. 1973)*

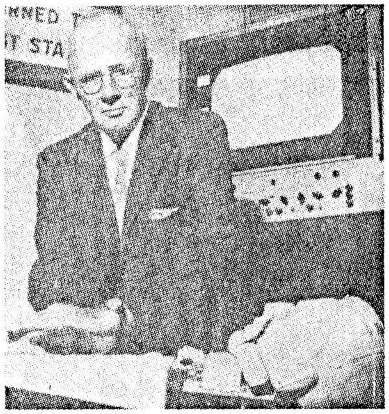
— VK —

Two Honored for Heart Advances

NEW YORK—The scientists who developed external heart massage and pacemaker treatments were named winners of the prestigious Albert Lasker Clinical Medical Research awards yesterday.

The recipients are **William Bennet Kouwenhoven**, 87, professor emeritus of electrical engineering and now lecturer in surgery at the Johns Hopkins University, and Paul M. Zoll, 62, clinical professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

"I cannot emphasize enough the great value that their work provided," said pioneering heart surgeon Michael E. DeBakey at a news conference here. Chairman of the 19-member awards jury, he will present two $10,000 honorariums to the men at a luncheon tomorrow.



WILLIAM BENNET KOUWENHOVEN

Established by the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation in 1946, the awards have gone to 22 persons who later became Nobel Prize winners.

Born in Brooklyn, on January 13, 1886, Kouwenhoven received his doctorate with magna cum laude honors in Germany in 1913. At his retirement as professor of engineering at the age of 68, he became a lecturer in surgery.

Kouwenhoven originated the technique of external heart massage for

patients with no detectable pulse. It includes pressing with the heel of the palm at the base of the patient's breast bone about 60 times a minute.

He also developed open- and closed-chest defibrillators, which use electrical shocks to restore normal rhythm to a heart beating spasmodically.

Both techniques were introduced in 1958 but came into wide use only after the beginning of the 1960s.

Zoll, who is an associate in medical research at Beth Israel Hospital in Brookline, Mass., was cited particularly for work on the pacemaker.

A 1936 graduate of Harvard Medical School, he is associated with several Boston area hospitals and, in 1967, was a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Electrocardiology.

His citation read in part:

"One measure of the good that pacemakers have done, and the need there is for them, is the fact that more than 60,000 Americans have received pacemakers, and an estimated 12,000 to 15,000 new pacemakers are implanted annually."

And Kouwenhoven's citation stated:

"This external chest massage requires no instruments and has revolutionized the care of patients sustaining cardiac arrest from many causes . . .

"This technique is so simple that anyone who cares to, can learn it . . ." —*(Star-Ledger, Newark, N. J., Nov. 14, 1973)*

— VK —

Assists in Mini-park Project

Plans are now underway for the construction of a roadside Mini-park to be located in the 1100 block of North Main Street, Springville, as a part of the nation's bicentennial celebration.

The Mini-park will have picnic tables and will have shade trees, and landscaping that will reflect the botanical history of this part of Utah.

This is also the official entry of the Federated Women's Clubs in the 1972-74 Community Improvement Development Program, co-sponsored by the General Federated Women's Clubs and Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Mrs. Wendell Winger of Springville is the state community improvement chairman. Assisting her is **Mrs. Harrison Conover** of the Home Culture Club and chairman of the Springville Shade Tree Commission.

The letter from the Utah American Revolution Bicentennial Commission stated that "the commission has accepted the Springville Mini-park as a Utah Bi-centennial project, serving as a lasting monument to 200 years of American Independence."

The commission contributed $1,000 in Federal Project Grant Funds and an equal amount was granted from the state commission.—*(Springville Herald, Springville, Utah, Feb. 28, ~~1947~~)* 1974

— VK —

Conover Gets 4-H Position

A Hunterdon native, **Brevoort C. Conover**, Warren County 4-H agent, has been elected president of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. The honor came during the association's 27th annual meeting, held this week in Roanoke, Va.

Conover, 43, is a former president-elect and vice president of the 1300-member organization, which he will head during the 1974-75 term.

Born in Pittstown, he holds a B.S. in agriculture from Rutgers University and received his M.S. in education from the same institution in 1967.

As a youth, he participated in 4-H projects in dairying, pheasant rearing, and the raising of seven Seeing Eye dogs.

He served as leader of two 4-H clubs from 1953 to 1956 while a farmer in Hunterdon County. He worked for Agway from 1956 until he became the Warren 4-H agent in 1959.

Conover resides in Belvidere with his wife and their four children.

He's Got a Lot of Pigeon in His Hands

THIS BIRD MIGHT be the 747 of pigeons but it can't get off the ground without a stiff wind behind it. **Wesley Conover** of Peapack-Gladstone, N. J. displays the wing span of his Giant Runt which won the national grand championship in its breed recently out of 4,500 entries: bird is bred for size and form, not flying ability.

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE—**Wesley Conover's** Giant Runts have done it again. This winter five of his super-sized birds soared home from the National Pigeon Association show in St. Paul, Minn., with five separate trophies "under their wings."

And among the winners, newly-titled as national ruler of the roost for his breed, is the snowy-plumed National Grand Champion Giant Runt. He won in a show that drew 4,500 entrees, shown by more than 500 exhibitors from as far away as Australia.

The new champ doesn't have a name. Fame hasn't gone to his head, either. He strolls casually among his coopmates in the spacious run behind the Conover home, makes a cooing sound almost like a cat purring when he's picked up, and with a great show of indifference, allows his owner to display that impressive wingspread.

Four years old, he weighs almost four pounds, so heavy he couldn't manage a 10-foot flight without a stiff breeze behind him.

Conover, a subway inspector with

New Jersey Bell, has been raising Giant Runts about 35 years. And the new championship trophy is only one of the many that crowd a wide shelf on the back porch of the house he has lived in all his life.

Relaxing at the kitchen table, he and his wife, Violet, explain that it all started one day when he was 12 and spied some of the oversized birds at a fair in Allentown, Pa. He was so intrigued that he spent the whole aft
noon by the cage, waiting for
owner to appear so he could buy o
Since then, he and his avocation h
been inseparable.

The breed itself got started at le
2,000 years ago, Violet says, when
Romans began selecting and breedi
some of their plumper street pigeon
"for the pot."—*(Observer-Tribun
Mar. 21, 1974)*

If there was an event in your family and you did not find it here, you did not report it to the editor.

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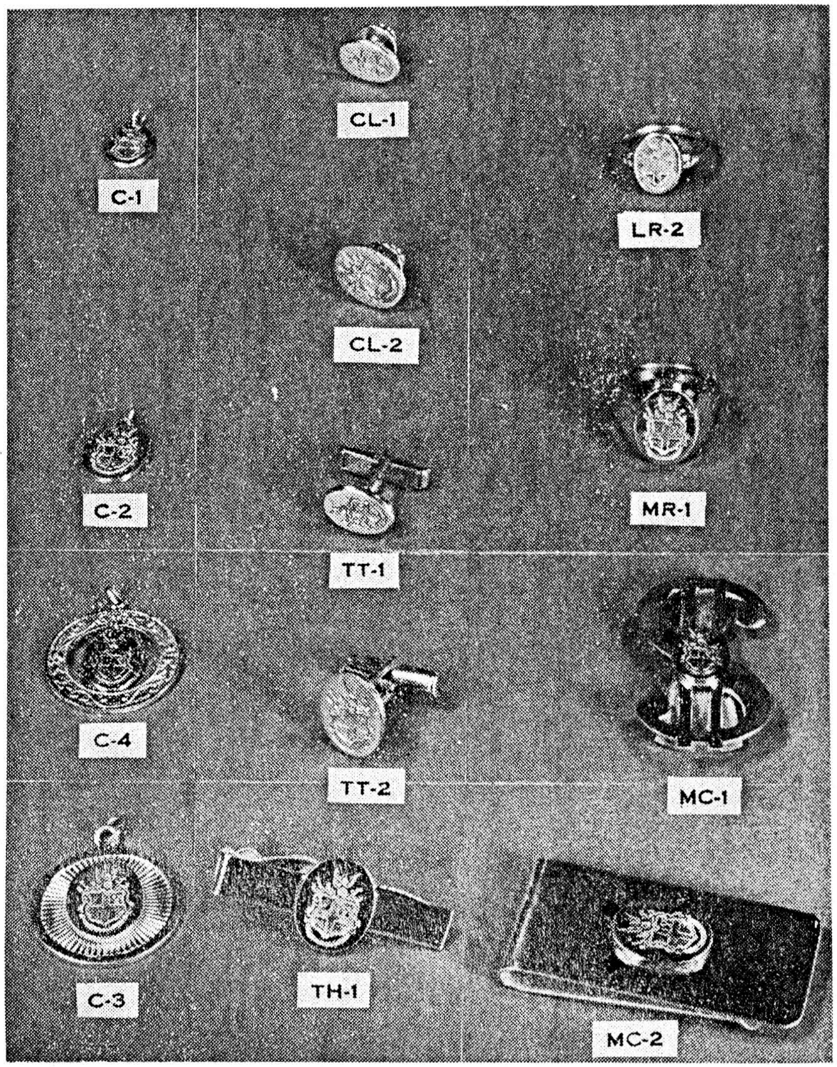

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VAN KOUWENHOVEN - CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION
held at the
AMERICAN HOTEL, FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY
SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1965

The 69th Annual Reunion was held in the American Hotel, Freehold, New Jersey, on Saturday, June 26, 1965. Scheduled events are shown in the program which is inserted in this Bulletin.

The president, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, noted in his report that designation of the Conover-Schenck Cemetery in Pleasant Valley as an Historic Site by the State of New Jersey was the outstanding accomplishment of the year.

Holding the Reunion in Freehold was also an achievement because its historic location abounds in Conover tradition, landmarks and accomplishments. Attention was directed to the fine resume compiled by Mrs. Helen Roberts. In addition, it was noted that the American Hotel, established in 1824, was acquired in 1843 by David C. Conover, the third owner, for $3,000.00. Mr. Conover owned the hotel for about 10 years. Mr. John Barriclo Conover, inventor, attorney, author and public servant, was appointed Treasurer of the Battle Monument Association in 1878. He held that position until 1884 when the monument was erected.

The president further noted that Salter, in his "History of Monmouth and Ocean Counties," lists the following Revolutionary officers and privates of Old Monmouth by company, all with the name Conover or Covenhoven: 1 Colonel, 1 Paymaster, 2 Captains, 3 Lieutenants, 1 Second Lieutenant, 2 Ensigns and 22 Privates.

The oldest member present was Leon Conover, 84, of Absecon, N. J. The youngest was Karen Abrahamson, 2½, of Absecon, and the person who traveled the furthest was Peter Conover of San Diego, California.

Special note was taken that Herbert T. Conover, 80 years of age, has been editor of the Bulletin since 1943. He and his wife, Viola, Agent for Supplies since 1940, have been married for 53 years. They have been members of the Association for 35 years during which they have missed only one Reunion.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $937.95 and the Agent for Supplies reported that since the previous Reunion supplies amounting to $348.85 had been sold.

Thomas S. Roberts presented the Nominating Committee's Report of nominees for Trustees of the Class of 1968 as follows:

Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
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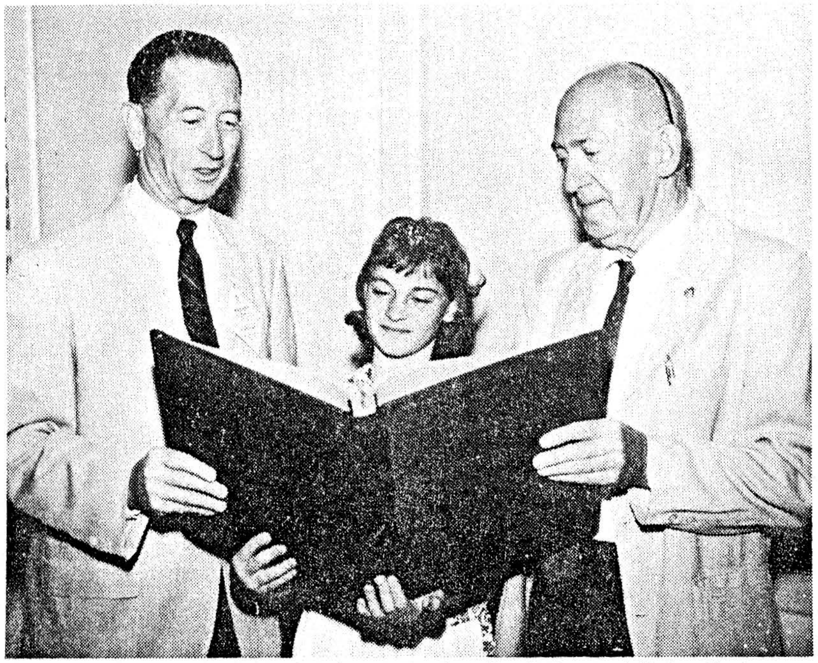
There were no other nominations and, on motion, the nominees were duly elected.



Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, Pres., Deborah Peterson of Mediapolis, Iowa and Herbert T. Conover, Editor of the Family Bulletin examining one of the many Kouwenhoven-Conover scrapbooks.

A highlight of the afternoon session was the talk by Dr. Kenn Stryker-Rodda which follows:

So many genealogies start with the sentence, "Three brothers came here from the old country," the professional genealogists are suspicious of the number three. Often, when a whole family came, the father was so busy establishing home he didn't get into the records. With you it is true that three brothers ame; and you are fortunate that so much is known concerning each of them and oncerning their parents, with whom they migrated. Having talked about the ld folks last year, I propose today to concentrate on the sons: Gerrit, Jacob, Pieter. Whereas their father had stayed out of politics, all three sons were involved in some way in the government of the Dutch period.

GERRIT

Of the boys, Gerrit (whose name was doubtless pronounced *Garry* in Flat-ands then as it is now) was most like his father: essentially a farmer — so good at Kilian van Rensselaer's offer of more than half of Castle Island to his ather was extended to him in 1634. That Gerrit was the eldest is certain, as e was named for his paternal grandfather, as first-born Dutch boys usually were. (But none of Wolfert's sons had a son Wolfert, so far as we know. Why?)

Gerrit helped his father and Andries Hudde establish Achteveldt (New Amersfoort, or Flatlands), for which he was given forty-eight morgens "in recompense for services rendered," and he purchased from Hudde 75½ more etween 1638 and 1641. He built a clapboard house not far from his father's. earby, in 1644, Thomas Mabbs of the garrison accidentally killed another soldier, to which action Garret was a witness, and his house is mentioned in the testimony.

In those days of animal scarcity, it was not uncommon to borrow cattle from the church. As a resident of Keskachquerem, Gerrit borrowed two cows and a heifer from the deacons of New Amsterdam for a period of three years, half the increase to be his, half for the poor; but Gerrit was to be paid 40 gl. for caring for the animals, whereas normally such a contract called for the farmer's contributing a certain number of pounds of butter each year.

Those of you who have studied this branch of the family may have wondered at Stiles' statement in his *History of Brooklyn* that Gerrit was an early settler of the town of Breuckelen, being there by 1647, when you knew that Gerrit's widow had married Elbert Elbertse Stoothoff on the 27th of August in 1645! The confusion was even greater if you found Director-General Kieft's grant to Gerrit of land "at Reckkewek, maize as well as upland, near the valley of Gouwanes kil . . . containing 19 morgens 341 rods" and dated 11 March 1647! This is not a case of a dead man's being unusually active. This must have been a reaffirmation of patent, possibly to help settle the estate, for another Kieft deed of 6 July 1645 mentions land of Gerrit Wolfertsen as adjacent to that of Jan Evertsen Bout at Marechkawick. Whether Gerrit left Flatlands or merely owned property "downtown" as we would say today, I know not; but I suspect that he did move, for his widow and her second husband lived in Wolphert's old house until it burned in 1674.

The West India Company had always wanted peace with the Indians, and Wouter Van Twiller had been so successful in getting along with them that Wouter became their name for a good white man, their friend. Some of us recall the charge made a quarter of a century ago that Franklin D. Roosevelt deliberately involved us in World War II "to cover up the shortcomings of his own administration." But DeVries had used that expression three hundred years before, in 1640, to describe Willem Kieft's seeking an excuse to fight the Indians! Finally, in the revenge murder of Claes Cornelisz Swits by a young Weckquaesgeek, Kieft felt he had an excuse, and called together a group, whom he designated the XII men, ostensibly to counsel him, but actually to share the responsibility for a massacre of two groups of Indians.

In February 1643, Gerrit and four others petitioned for permission to attack the Mareckkawick Indians on Long Island, but were denied it. But when the commonalty of the Manhattans met, at Kieft's request, the following September, and set up a committee (the VIII Men) to write to the Netherlands concerning the danger from the Indians and the lack of true protection, Gerrit was one of the eight chosen. He signed (by mark — for unlike his brothers, he did not write), with the other seven men, three letters to the Fatherland, complaining of the conditions, in one of them threatening to ask help of the "English at the East, who would like nothing better than to possess this place." He did not live to be persecuted for his daring to criticize the Director-General; his colleagues did.

About 1635 Gerrit had married Aeltje, a daughter of Cornelis Lambertse Cool, a wealthy land-owner near Gowanus. Most of you are probably descended from one or more of Gerrit and Aeltje's four children: Willem, whose Kings County descendants spell the name with a K and whose New Jersey descendants share the name Conover with Peter's family; Jan, the ancestor of the Gravesend branch of the family, who had an extra portion of his father's estate because of his lameness; Neeltje, who married Roelof Martense Schenck; and Marretje, who married Coert Stephense Van Voorhees. Aeltje's second husband made a compact with Gerrit's father and two brothers whereby he was to remain in full possession of Gerrit's property in exchange for bringing up the children in a proper manner, having them taught reading, writing, and a good trade up to the time they came of age to marry. In the Stoothoff family papers at the

Long Island Historical Society there are a number of items concerned with Gerrit's family, including, for instance, Jan's receipts for his inheritance from both his father's estate (given him in 1670) and his mother's (in 1683). The latter was paid in pieces of eight, at 12 guilders the piece.

JACOB

If Wolphert and Neeltje used the Dutch naming system when they lived in the Netherlands, they must have had a second son, named Jan for Neeltje's father; and he must have lived until after Pieter was baptized. However, Jacob as we know him was a typical second child: impetuous, versatile, well-liked, constantly getting into scrapes or starting things that didn't pan out.

The seventeenth century Dutch seem to have had the same faith in the magic of Roman numbers that their descendant, F.D.R., had in alphabetic agencies. The Honorable West India Company was known as the XIX; I have mentioned the XII Men and the VIII Men. Jacob became one of the IX Men. The IX Men were selected in traditional Dutch manner: eighteen of the "most notable, reasonable, honest and respectable" men being nominated by the people, from whom the Governor and Council chose three merchants, three burghers, and three farmers. The group prepared a long Remonstance that was sent back to Patria in 1649, Jacob, Adrian van der Donck, and Jan Evertsen Bout undertaking to bring it the attention of the States General. In defending itself against their criticism, the West India Company mentioned, in Paragraph 47: "We think the Company has done enough, to wit: in conveying over, at the Company's expense, numbers of people, among whom were Jacob Couwenhoven's father and brothers, together with cattle and other necessaries." Trying to discredit the IX Men and to defend the autocratic policies of Kieft and Stuyvesant, Secretary Van Tienhoven went into personalities: "We shall add thereunto only some particulars respecting the persons who signed the Remonstrance . . . Jacob van Couwenhoven having, when a lad, accompanied his father to that country, was taken by Wouter van Twiller into the Company's service as an assistant, and becoming afterwards a tobacco planter, the Company helped him, as is to be seen by the books, with necessaries; but they have been paid for," he added, not in a spirit of fairness, but lest he leave a rebuttal point. Thus, from an enemy, we learn two facts about Jacob not otherwise available, because the Company's papers, for the most part, were sold as waste in 1821, and many had gone down in ships sunk between here and Holland, notably the *Princess*. Sometime between 1632, when van Twiller became Director-General, and 1637, when he was replaced and when Jacob was back in Amsterdam, Jacob was in the Company's service, as sort of a junior clerk. His tobacco-raising probably belonged to the period after 1643, when he had acquired a farm near where the New York Naval Shipyard has been for the past century and a half, but will not be much longer. Before leaving the matter of the Remonstrance: Stuyvesant did not take criticism lightly. When Jacob returned after a year in the Netherlands with a supply of arms for the militia, Stuyvesant confiscated it and sold it to the Indians. Moreover, according to a letter of Captain John Onderhill, Stuyvesant "hath been guilty of barbarous cruelty towards Mr. Jacob Wolfertsen and his wife at the time of the birth of their child." The child must have been Petronella, the only one born during Stuyvesant's administration so far as we know.

It would be impossible to treat Jacob's career fully in anything less than a book. After his marriage to Hester Jans in the New Church in Amsterdam in 1637, he had come back here in the employ of Kilian van Rensselaer, and he was, for a while, onder-commis at Rensselaerswyck. From 1639, when the baptism of his daughter Neeltje was the first recorded in the New Amsterdam Reformed Dutch Church, until his death on April 21, 1670, his name was constantly in the records.

Although best known as a brewer, he engaged in many other activities. In 1646 he was a co-partner with such respectable leaders as Governor Kieft and Martin Kregier in owning the privateer *La Garce;* and as late as 1664 he owned a sloop in which the English governor permitted him to trade up the Hudson. Before 1656 a horse-mill was erected for him; but in 1660 the mill was sold and taken to New Utrecht. He was a trader — having goods on the *Spotted Cow* in 1651, being recorded in Martin Kregier's log as going to the mouth of the Raritan in 1663 to barter with the Indians for deer meat, and having been complained of the year before as conveying spirituous liquors to "the Neversinke, a place where no Christians are residing, but only wild barbarians." Now, selling liquor to Indians was illegal; but Jacob succeeded in breaking two laws at once by taking goods in pawn for liquor, another forbidden practice, in the following case: "Unsickan, a savage from Tappaan, complained that he had bought from Jacob Wolfertsen and his wife 3½ cans of brandy in the month of September 1663, for which he paid in wampum, and that afterwards he bought again from the said Wolfertsen 1½ cans of brandy, but as he then had no wampum, he left his gun in pawn with the Couwenhovens. Coming later to pay for the brandy and take his gun, he was told that another savage had come and fetched it." But through it all, from 1647 Jacob was one of the three church wardens.

His land speculations always involved him in difficulties. (Think of him as a minor seventeenth century Zeckendorf.) The records are full of his mortgages to cover debts, requests for extra time to pay, the auctioning off of his property for the benefit of his creditors. When his first wife died, the guardians of his children never did get an accounting of her estate, despite court actions. Even the land he had acquired from the Canarsie Indians near his father's was confiscated because he did not build on it, and it was considered "to the serious damage and prejudice of the new village of Midwout." The only suit against his father that I recall was caused by his going bond for Jacob; so that, old Wolfert Gerritse "being unwilling that his son Jacob by virtue of" a previously executed power of attorney "shall longer act either in the grantor's name or on his account," made it necessary for all transactions to be the joint responsibility of Jacob, Pieter, and their brother-in-law, Elbert Elbertse (Stoothoff). This document, by the way, proves what I postulated last year: that Wolfert went back to Manhattan; for he is identified as a "resident of this city" and the document was signed at his son Pieter's home.

Yet people were always bailing Jacob out of trouble, as when Isaac de Foreest obtained permission to buy all the strong beer he might brew during 1657; and when Jacob happened to be flush, he was prone to give his bond for others.

Despite his forty years af varied business activities, Jacob left an estate that, it was estimated, "will fall short very much, and consequently nothing will be left for the Widdow except something out of Charity be allowed her."

Even posthumously Jacob had no luck; for one whole book of deeds apparently executed by Stuyvesant had disappeared, so that his widow's petition to have a lot in lieu of the one Stuyvesant had given her late husband in Dirty Lane couldn't be fulfilled. The Court did give her 200 gl. in 1672, and two years later the church wardens gave her about half of the old graveyard: the very graveyard in which, according to Valentine, Jacob himself had been buried.

PETER

Whereas his brothers had both been on special committees, Peter, the youngest, was very much in public service. He is first mentioned in 1639, when he and another young man agreed to build a house on Manhattan for Thomas Hall, a brewer employed by Peter's brother Jacob. He seems to have sowed some wild oats; for on the 7th day of January 1642 he acknowledged Aeltje Petersen as his daughter, and formally adopted her. Like Jacob, Peter was a professional brewer, and by 1640 he was sufficiently prosperous to have a Jan Aertsen as an indentured servant. (Sixteen years later he had two orphans, a boy and a girl, from Amsterdam in his service. The Court ordered them punished for dishonesty.)

When new Amsterdam was set up as a city in 1653, Peter was one of the original schepens, or magistrates, and he was elected in five other years — an unprecedented record. During much of the time for which its records are extant, Peter was also an officer of the Orphans Court, in addition to which he was frequently applied for or assigned as a guardian of orphans or half-orphans. In 1658 his fellow orphan masters complained that their work was hampered because he was "always" out of the city on Company business; therefore, he resigned.

During the Second Esopus War, Peter gave up all his other offices to become lieutenant to Captain Martin Kregier. But his role was to collect Indian allies for the Dutch, to arrange with the Esopus Indians for the exchange of prisoners, and to sound out the Wappinger and other friendly tribes concerning their attitude toward the English and the Dutch. At the peace treaty, the arrangements for which were largely his doing, he was one of the official interpreters and witnesses. Without a doubt, the Dutch settlements along and at the mouth of the Hudson were saved from destruction because the Indians understood and trusted Pieter.

In 1655 and again in 1666, Peter was appointed city surveyor, although by the latter date he was living at least part of the time in Elizabeth Towne, where, Hatfield suggests, he may have surveyed the homelots and planting fields. However, as the same authority states that the surveying "had been performed very imperfectly," let us not hasten to claim this further service for Peter on mere surmise.

We know that Peter had protested against the English billeting soldiers in his home after they took New Amsterdam in 1664; but that seems not to have been the whole reason for his leaving the city in which he had spent his entire adult life. Whatever the reason, he joined Captain Baker (who had married Stuyvesant's sister Margaret), John Ogden, and other Englishmen, mostly from Long Island, in the founding of Elizabeth in 1665. The East Jersey records show rights for him, his wife, and his servants, totaling 480 acres.

In New Amsterdam he had probably conducted a tavern as early as 1644, in which year three soldiers were sentenced to ride the Wooden Horse three hours each for cutting his wainscot. It was therefore most natural for him to obtain from Governor Carteret, on 29 November 1666, a license "for the keeping of an Ordinary in Elizabeth Towne & for the selling and retailing of all sorts of drink and strong Liquors."

From this point on, Peter is shrouded in mystery. One wonders why he felt it necessary to mortgage to Governor Carteret, on 12 July 1667, his "Land, dwelling hows & outhouses, Brewhows, Copper, & all other appurtenances in Elizabeth Towne" for 2727 gl., 17 st. Except for the baptism of his son Petrus in 1669, the records are silent about Peter thereafter. It is said that he returned

to New Amsterdam when the Dutch retook it briefly in 1673. At any r
Governor Carteret issued a warrant to himself for the New Jersey propert
1675, and 224 acres of this, including an eight-acre homelot, were surveyed
1677 as "formerly belonging to Peter Wolverson." Earlier the same year,
grant of 200 acres of this land, in the right of Peter Wolverson, had been ma
to Margaret Baker.

Did Peter die in 1675? Or did he live to marry a third time in 1699, wh
he would have been in his 80's, as others assert? Was he the father of t
Cornelius of Monmouth County? Concerning the first two, I reserve opini
As Cornelius flourished in the 1720's, I frankly believe he belonged to a lat
generation.

It probably isn't quite fair, but we all do it: use or knowledge of our a
cestry to excuse our own shortcomings. (Or have I suggested something
Thus, if you are reckless, feckless, full of "practical" schemes that you are n
quite able to carry out, maybe you say, "I'm just like that lovable old ancest
of mine, Jacob the brewer." Even if descended from one of the other brothe
you know the tendency must be in the family somewhere!

I do the same sort of thing myself. My few Irish ancestors happen to ha
been Ulster Scots, and it's well known that Scots can't speak any dialect b
their own, and they dinna do thaat verra weel. So I shall translate one of M
Dooley's famous pronouncements into English, losing the flavor to prese
the substance:

> "I know history isn't true, Hennissy, because it ain't like what I see every day. If anyone comes along with a history that'll show me the people fightin', makin' love, gettin' married, owin' the groceryman — I'll believe it, but not before. Historians is like doctors. They are always lookin' for symptoms. Those of them that writes about their own times examines the tongue an' feels the pulse an' makes a wrong diagnosis. The other kind of history is a post-mortem examination. It tells what a country died of. But I'd like to know what it *lived of!*"

I hope I have, in some measure, showed what your Gerrit, Jacob, and Pet
lived of.

———— VK ————

Report of the Board of Trustees' Fall (1965) Meetin

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1965, AT PRINCETON INN
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, President, presided over the meeting which w
attended by sixteen Trustees and seven guests. The minutes of the 69th Ann
Reunion were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Miss Mida C. Blake, reported a balance on hand of $966.
Mrs. Herbert T. Conover reported that since the last reunion, supplies amoun
ing to $38.25 had been sold. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom read the names
twenty-two applicants for membership. On motion the applications were a
cepted subject to verification of lineage.

The President reported that, following receipt of the certificate designati
the Conover-Schenck Cemetery as an Historic Site, he had received letters fro
the New Jersey Division of Taxation inquiring about the status of the cemete
and the organization and nature of our Association. The questions were answer
by letters and an affidavit, as a result of which the Association has been declar
"tax exempt" by the State Tax Supervisor.

It was agreed that prices of jewelry would not be reduced because of removal of the Federal Excise Tax. Maintaining the present prices, which are quite reasonable, will aid in liquidating die costs and provide for new dies when they are needed.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously:

> In acknowledgment of his contribution to the record of the establishment of our family in America, and to the knowledge and understanding of our forefathers, and ,further, in recognition of his signal achievements as a Genealogist, Historian and Educator, we, the Officers and Trustees of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association do, by this resolution, adopted October 9, 1965, declare Doctor Kenn Stryker-Rodda an Honorary Member of this Association.

It was decided that the 70th Annual Reunion would be held at the Neshanic Reformed Church on June 25, 1966, and that the Spring meeting of the Board of Trustees would be held on April 2, 1966, at the Princeton Inn.

JANICE D. CONOVER, Secretary

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Report of the Board of Trustees' Spring (1966) Meeting

APRIL 2, 1966, AT PRINCETON INN
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, President, presided over the meeting which was attended by sixteen Trustees and seven guests. The minutes of the October 9, 1965 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Miss Mida C. Blake, reported a balance on hand of $1,056.33. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover reported that supplies amounting to $216.40 had been sold since her last report.

Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom read the names of twelve applicants for membership. Of these, five were accepted as Associate Members and, upon verification of lineage by the Genealogist, those who qualify will automatically become Ancestral members.

Leon Conover, a Past Presirent and his wife, who were injured in an automobile accident last October, have moved permanently to Miami, Florida. In recognition of their long and active support of the Association, the Trustees voted unanimously to make Mr. and Mrs. Conover Honorary members.

Because of increased operating costs and the expense of maintaining the Conover-Schenck Cemetery, the following motion was adopted:

> "Effective July 1, 1967, (1) the application fee shall be increased from $1.00 to $2.11; (2) the annual dues shall be increased from $2.00 to $3.00; and (3) application blanks, etc., shall be reprinted or corrected as required to reflect the change."

It was agreed that the next Trustees' meeting would be held at the Princeton Inn on Saturday, October 8, 1966.

A change in the location of our 70th Annual Reunion had to be made from the Neshanic Reformed Church, as reported in the minutes of October 9, 1965 meeting. It will be held at the First Congregational Church in Chester, N. J. and will include a tour of Morristown Historical Park.

JANICE D. CONOVER, Secretary

New Members

Accepted at the Trustees' October 9, 1965 meeting —

Mrs. Walter M. Roecker, 34 Bettlewood Road, Marlton, N. J.
Dr. McClellan B. Conover, 1209 Kensington Avenue, Flint, Mich.
Oliver L. Richards, 219 Holly Street, Cranford, N. J.
Franklyn Frick, 1703 Douglas Street, Sioux City, Iowa
David Crownover, Executive Secretary, The University Museum, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
Joseph A. Conover, Jr., 1014 I Street, South Houston, Texas
Ethel M. Hart, 117 South Main Street, Pennington, N. J.
Mrs. Carl Maple, Cold Soil Road, Princeton, N. J.
Mrs. William Priest, 1232 Wax Wing Drive, Vista, California
Mrs. William G. Schanck, 51 Silverton Avenue, Little Silver, N. J.
William G. Schanck, 51 Silverton Avenue, Little Silver, N. J.
Mrs. Doris B. Mackintosh, 60 Hubbard Road, Weston, Mass.
Harry R. Conover, 1 Locust Avenue, Dover, N. J.
Harold N. Conover, Jr., 3875 West Mercer Fay, Mercer Island, Wash.
Mrs. William E. Conover, Sr., 107 South Street, Freehold, N. J.
Mrs. William E. Conover, Jr., 33 McLean Street, Freehold, N. J.
William E. Conover, Jr., 33 McLean Street, Freehold, N. J.
Mrs. K. Stryker-Rodda, 12 Garden Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Miss Andrea Stryker-Rodda, 12 Garden Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mrs. Norman S. Conover, 24 West Ferry Road, Morrisville, Pa.
Raymon E. Van Doren, 2736 Churchland Avenue, Dayton, Ohio
Elsie Conover Gulick, 4 Woodlawn Terrace, Cedar Grove, N. J.

Accepted at the April 2, 1966 meeting —

Mrs. Arthur J. Wilder, 20 Hilltop Boulevard, East Brunswick, N. J.
Nathan A. Conover, 1400 Walnut Avenue, Wanamassa, N. J. 07712
Helen S. Conover, 204 East Roselawn Avenue, Danville, Illinois
John F. Conover, 3928 Mill Run Road, Dallas, Texas
Mrs. William I. Conover, Northville, N. Y.

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Through an oversight this name was omitted from the List of Members in the last Bulletin —

G. Earle Conover, 1924 Pennington Road, Trenton 2, N. J.

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Recent Events in the Family Circl

— Births —

Bridget Marie Conover, born May 26, 1965 in Princeton Hospital, Princeton, N. J., to Mr. and Mrs. A. Benton Conover of Belmont Road, Montgomery, N. J.

Gerrett Hendrick Allardice Conover, born June 30, 1965, to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Brown Conover of 400 Allaire Road, R.D. #1, Belmar, N. J.

Patrick Garrett Conover, born April 7, 1965, to Dr. and Mrs. John R. Conover, Jr. of 20 West High Street, Un City, Pa., in Union City Memor Hospital.

Karen Alexandra Poulter, born F ruary 3, 1966, to Mr. and Mrs. Thon Poulter of 2731 Fairbrook Drive, View, California.

Margaret Cass Roberts, born Ja ary 9, 1966, to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Roberts of Loomis Drive, West Ha ford, Conn.

— *Marriages* —

Donna J. Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Conover, Jr. of 42 Comanche Drive, Oceanport, N. J., and Raymond R. Desjardins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adrien Desjardins of Lewiston, Maine, were married July 17, 1965 at the First Baptist Church, Long Branch, N. J. by the Rev. T. Richard Wentworth, Washington, D. C., former pastor, and the Rev. Homer Tricules, pastor.

Mrs. Desjardins is a graduate of Long Branch High School, and is employed as a secretary at Bell Telephone Laboratories, Whippany, N. J.

Mr. Desjardins was graduated magna cum laude from the University of Maine with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. He is a candidate for a master's degree at New York University. He is a member of Eta Kappa Nu and Tau Beta Pi national engineering honor societies and Phi Kappa Phi, University of Maine honor society. He is on the technical staff at Bell Telephone Laboratories.

The couple will reside at the Vail Garden Apartments, Parsippany-Troy Hills, N. J.

Gary Arthur Conover, son of Mrs. Mildred P. Conover of 107 South Street, Freehold, N. J. and the late William E. Conover, and Barbara Jean Smith, daughter of Mrs. Jean H. Smith of 13 Union Avenue, Freehold, N. J. and the late Charles W. Smith, were married July 25, 1965 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Freehold, by the Rev. Bernard McK. Garlick, pastor.

Mrs. Conover graduated from Freehold Regional High School and Wilfred School of Cosmetology, Asbury Park. She is employed by Elsa's Beauty Salon, Court Street, Freehold.

Mr. Smith graduated from Freehold Regional High School and is currently attending Monmouth College. He is employed by the Monmouth County Library.

Gary D. Conover, son of Mrs. Nelson D. Conover of Avon-by-the-Sea, N. J. and the late Mayor Conover, and Carolyn Piendel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Piendel of 822 Plainfield Avenue, Raritan, N. J., were married February 18, 1966 in St. Elizabeth's Church, Avon-by-the-Sea, by the Rev. J. A. Mulligan.

Mrs. Conover, a graduate of Somerville, N. J. High School, was secretary to T. Girard Wharton of the law firm of Wharton, Stewart and Davis. Her husband was graduated from Asbury Park High School and attended Monmouth College. He served with the Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk in the Far East as an air controlman. He is now employed by the Bell Telephone Company. They will reside in Avon-by-the-Sea.

Ina Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Donald Conover of 45 East 10th South, Bountiful, Utah, and Robert Scott Buhn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Theodore Buhn of Napa, California, were married February 13, 1965, in Salt Lake Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Miss Conover has attended Brigham Young University and the University of Utah. She is presently employed with Pacific Telephone Co. in San Francisco.

Mr. Buhn received his mechanical engineering degree from San Francisco State University.

They will make their home at 720 Louisiana Street, Vallejo, California.

Jeffrey Charles Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Conover of Mendham Road, Gladstone, N. J., and Ingrid Marie Andersen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Einar Andersen of Flanders, N. J., were married September 18, 1965 in St. Lawrence Church, Chester, N. J. by the Rev. Nicholas P. Negola.

The bride was graduated from West Morris Regional High School in Chester and Centenary College for Women, Hackettstown, N. J. She is a secretary at Warner-Lambert, Morris Plains, N. J.

Mr. Conover graduated from West Morris Regional High School and Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. where he was a member of Theta Xi fraternity. He is employed by his father as a building contractor.

Markay Patricia Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Conover of 185 Main Street, Ledgewood, N. J., and Jeffrey Lee Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris J. Johnson of 340 Mount Kemble Avenue, Morristown, N. J., were married September 12, 1965 in St. Theresa's Church, Succasunna, N. J. by the Rev. William F. Lawlor.

Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of Roxbury High School and Wilfred Academy. Her husband is a graduate of Morristown High School and attended Purdue and Boston Universities. He is serving with the Army at Pennsylvania Military College in Chester, Pa.

Richard Allan Conover, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allan Conover, Sr. of Jupiter, Fla., and Sandra Jean Holz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Holz of 142 Ellen Lane, Rt. #1, Appleton, Wis., were married October 30, 1965 at the Center Emmanuel Evangelical United Brethren Church, Black Creek, by the Rev. Russell Miller.

Mrs. Conover is employed in the main office of Kimberly-Clark Corp., Neenah. Mr. Conover attended the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., where he affiliated with Beta Theta Pi. He is in the marketing department of the international division of Kimberly-Clark Corp., Neenah.

The couple will reside at 938 Gay Drive, Neenah, Wisconsin.

Susan Conover, daughter of Mrs. Anna Conover of Tainter Street, Peapack, N. J., and Michael A. Gianetti, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael A Gianetti of Bedminister, N. J., wer married Saturday, May 1, 1965, in St Brigid's Church, Peapack, N. J. by th Rev. Francis Coan.

The couple are graduates of Bernards High School, Bernardsville, N. J. Mrs. Gianetti is employed by Sentr Insurance Co., Newark. Her husban served four years in the Marine Corp and presently is associated with Fran W. Egan & Co., Inc., Finderne, N. J.

Barry Mills, son of D. Russell Mil of Flemington, N. J. and Mrs. Ma Conover Mills of Somerville, N. J., a Joyce L'Amoreaux, daughter of M and Mrs. Raymond L'Amoreaux of 5 Franklin Street, were married Augu 14, 1965 in the Riverside Method Church, Elmira, N. Y. by the R Herbert Hoskins and the Rev. C. Cla ton Comstock.

Mrs. Mills is a graduate of Sout side High School and an alumna West Virginia Wesleyan College whe she received a Bachelor of Arts degr She is employed as an elementa teacher for the Monongahela Cour Schools in Morgantown, West Va.

Mr. Mills graduated from No Hunterdon Regional High School a West Virginia Wesleyan where earned a Bachelor of Science degr He is studying for his master's deg in business administration at the U versity of West Virginia and is e ployed in the university's person office.

— *Anniversaries* —

Col. and Mrs. Reginald V. Conover of RR 6, Brampton, Ont., Canada, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on March 1, 1966 with a family dinner at the Thunderbird Motor Hotel.

Col. and Mrs. Conover were married in Toronto at the home of Mrs. Conover's parents at 52 Fairview Blvd.; they came to live in Brampton in 1918 in time for Armistice. James, their oldest son, was killed overseas in 1942. Their other children are Lt. Col. E. F. Conover of Brampton, Mrs. Mary Lou Britton of Guelph, and Mrs. Anna Jane Gray, who lives with her parents on Derry West Road. There are seven grandchildren.

Col. Conover met his wife while was teaching school in Palgrave wh her home was at that time. They we married when he returned from ov seas service during the First Wo War. He was on the staff of Milita District No. 2 Headquarters in Toro at the time of his marriage and at t end of the war was demobilized wi the rank of major. From 1919 to 1 he was customs officer at Brampton

He served as a major with the H ton Rifles (Militia), 1920 to 1921 a in the Peel Regiment, 1921 to 19 Promoted to lieutenant-colonel, he w the first commanding officer of t Peel and Dufferin Regiment, 1922

Col and Mrs. Reginald V. Conover

1925; brigade major of the 25th Infantry Brigade, 1925 to 1928 and commander of brigade from 1928 to 1931.

He was commanding officer of The Lorne Scots Regiment, 1939 to 1941. Subsequently he commanded the Canadian Army Trades School at Hamilton, the Canadian Army Basic Training Centre at Brampton and the Canadian Armoured Corps Training Centre at Camp Borden.

Apart from his military career, Col. Conover's interests have included Scouting, Lions Club, Brampton Public Library and Peel County Co-operative Library Board and Peel County Historical Society. He has also been active in Freemasonry.

Mrs. Conover, proud of always being busy with her home, is a member of Peel Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, her husband having been one of the founders of the hospital. She was always involved with army auxiliaries and their activities. — *(Daily Times, Brampton, Ont., Canada, March 3, 1966)*

— Deaths —

Amelia Wrigley Conover, wife of Stephen A. Conover of 908 Berkeley Avenue, Trenton, N. J., died April 30, 1966 at Mercer Hospital.

Mrs. Conover was a former employe of the Public Utilities Commission. She was a member of Trinity Cathedral, the Women of Cathedral, the Morningstar Charter Order of Eastern Star, the WSCS of the Central Methodist Church, and the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Besides her husband she is survived by a sister, Winifred M. Potts; two brothers, Henry J. and Thomas E. Wrigley of Trenton, N. J., and two nieces and two nephews.

Interment was in Ewing Church Cemetery.

Amy E. Hughes Conover, 66 years of age, of 217 East 7th Street, Plainfield, N. J., died February 14, 1966 in Muhlenberg Hospital.

She was born in New York and lived in Plainfield 56 years. She was a member of Lydia Chapter #41, O.E.S.

Surviving are two sons, Elmer J. and Gilbert T., both of the home address; two daughters, Miss Phyllis M. of the home address, and Miss Amy B. of 711 Plainfield Avenue.

Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Clarence Conover, 68 years of age, of Woodglen Road, Califon, N. J., died October 6, 1965 in Somerset Hospital, Somerville, N. J.

Mr. Conover, born in Fairmount, N. J., lived there 14 years. He was a district foreman of the Hunterdon County Road Department, by which he had been employed for many years.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Phoebe Peterson Conover; a son, Clarence, Jr. of Glen Gardner, N. J.; two daughters, Dorothy L. Conover at home, and Mrs. Doris Bladlowski of Califon; five sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Lucas and Mrs. May Philhower, both of Fairmount; Mrs. Ryman Burd of Far Hills, N. J.; Mrs. Frank Voorhees of Lebanon, N. J., and Mrs. Nellie Blazure of Pottersville, N. J., and two grandchildren.

Clem Conover, 82 years of age, of 47 Norwood Avenue, Deal, N. J., died July 16, 1965, at the Mary Lee Nursing Home, Eatontown, N. J.

Mr. Conover, who was known as

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SATURDAY, JUNE THE TWENTY-SIXTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE
AMERICAN HOTEL
FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY

— Program —

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Morning Session

REGISTRATION -	10:30 a.m.
BUSINESS MEETING	11:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR
Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, President

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Secretary - -	Miss Janice D. Conover
Treasurer - -	Miss Mida C. Blake
Historian -	Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven
Agent-for-Supplies	Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
Editor of the Bulletin -	Herbert T. Conover
Genealogist -	Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Cemetery Committee	Mrs. Clarence Dawley
Nominating Committee -	Thomas S. Roberts

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

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Luncheon - 12:30 p.m.

Afternoon Session - 1:45 p.m.

INVOCATION AND WELCOME Rev. David Burton Riddle
Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Freehold, N. J.

GREETINGS FROM THE VAN VOORHEES ASSOCIATION
Miss Helen A. Voorhees, President

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS (See back page)
Conducted by Mrs. Clarence Dawley
Assisted by Miss Leola Cheney, Mrs. Donald V.N. Conover

ADDRESS Kenn Stryker-Rodda, D.LITT., FASG.

HYMN—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Lead by Mrs. Walter W. Conover

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part.
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

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TOUR—FREEHOLD MUSEUM
Courtesy of the Monmouth County Historical Association

— Memorial Service —

(People standing)

Leader—Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley
Assisted by Miss Leola Cheney

LEADER: We dedicate these moments to those of our family who have answered God's call.

READING by the Leader

It is with great sorrow that we present the following names of members who have entered the Presence of the King.

LEADER reads the names of deceased members and flower is placed in vase for each one.

REV. GARRETT MILTON CONOVER, High Bridge, N. J., died July 16, 1964
HARRIET ANN HARRISON CONOVER, Provo, Utah, died August 8, 1964
CAPT. WILLIS CLARK CONOVER, Holmdel, N. J., died September 27, 1964
IVA MAE ADAMS MOORE, Grand Haven, Mich., died September 28, 1964
EDNA CONOVER HORNBERGER, Atlantic City, N. J. died Sept. 30, 1964
RALPH E. CONOVER, Morristown, N. J., died October 10, 1964
AURILLA CONOVER MAPS, Long Branch, N. J., died February 15, 1965
HAROLD WHITNEY BLACKFORD, North Plainfield, N. J., died Feb. 18, 1965
CHARLOTTE CONOVER BOICE, Linwood, N. J., died March 21, 1965

LEADER: May we bow our heads in prayer.

O God, Thou who are infinite, and whose wisdom is far beyond our ability to understand, we thank Thee for Thy guidance and comfort of the spirit of those who so faithfully lived among us and have returned to Thee. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

VOCAL SOLO—"The Lord's Prayer" - . *Albert Hay Malotte*
Mrs. Donald V.N. Conover, Soloist — Donald V. N. Conover, Accompanist

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"Mr. Deal," held virtually every administrative post in the borough and had served under eight mayors. He was appointed borough clerk January 1, 1915 and served continuously for 41 years. He had also served 10 years as treasurer of the Board of Health, 11 years as borough recorder (magistrate), 20 years as a member and president of the Board of Education and was the organizer and charter member of Fire Company No. 2. He also served as superintendent of borough utilities. He was a member of the F&AM of Long Branch and the Knights Templar, and was a Royal Arch Mason.

After his retirement in 1956, a borough street was named after him. His son, W. Stanley Conover, now holds the post of borough clerk.

Mr. Conover was born in Ocean Township, son of the late James W. and Mary A. Gardner Conover.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hazel B. Conover; another son, Clement E. at home; a sister, Mrs. Maude C. Delmont of Allenhurst, N. J., and two grandchildren.

Interment was in Glenwood Cemetery, West Long Branch, N. J.

Courtney Conover, 84 years of age, chemical engineer and research scientist, of 1913 Franwell Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, died July 3, 1965. Born in 1881 in Titusville, Pa., he received his degree in chemistry with honors at the University of Pennsylvania in 1908.

He served 10 years in the U. S. Department of Agriculture as research chemist. He was commissioned First Lieutenant in the Chemical Warfare Service, U. S. Army, with duty overseas in World War I. For 21 years he was group leader in research at Monsanto Chemical Company in St. Louis. At the time of his retirement, the company unveiled a plaque in his laboratory with the citation, "Pioneer in vapor phase catalysis. Contributed substantially to the technology of our processes for phthalic anhydride, maleic anhydride, benzoic acid."

He was a life member of the American Chemical Society and the Institute of Chemical Engineers, a member of the New York Academy of Sciences, and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His name is included in *American Men of Science: The Physical and Biological Sciences*. Since his retirement, he has carried forward experiments directed toward resisting the blight affecting the American chestnut tree. He was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Surviving are his wife, May, of the home address; three daughters, Mrs. Mae C. Nairn of Silver Spring, Miss Jewel Conover of Fredonia, N. Y., and Miss Charlotte Conover of Gloucester, Mass.; a brother, John C. Conover of Bartlesville, Okla.; a grandson, Geoffrey Nairn, Jr. of Kansas City, Kans.

Elmer V. Conover, 68 years of age, of 217 East 7th Street, Plainfield, N. J., died January 29, 1966 in Muhlenberg Hospital. He was a city mail carrier for 22 years before retiring in 1959.

He had resided in Plainfield for 50 years and is survived by his widow, Amy E. Hughes Conover; two sons, Elmer J. and Gilbert T., at home; and two daughters, Miss Phyllis, at home, and Miss Amy B. of 711 Plainfield Avenue.

Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Harry D. Conover, 74 years of age, of 400 Allaire Road, Wall Township, N. J., died August 26, 1965. He was the husband of the late Dorothy Brown Conover and is survived by two sons, Hendrick A. and Oliver B. Conover. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Brielle, N. J.

Inez C. Conover, 69 years of age, of 4 Hobart Avenue, Marlboro Township, N. J., died March 17, 1966 at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, N. J.

She was born in Washington, N. J., daughter of the late Bartley and Louise LeBalance Widner, and was the widow of the late Leon B. Conover, Sr.

She was a retired practical nurse, and member of St. John's R. C. Church, Marlboro Township.

Surviving are four sons, Alfred B. of Bound Brook, N. J.; Leon B., Jr. of Howell Township; R. Kenneth and J. Ellard, both of Freehold, N. J.; two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Maier of Jonesboro, Ga., and Mrs. Inez C. Maziekien, with whom she made her home; 26 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Interment was in St. Gabriel's Cemetery, Bradevelt, N. J.

Joseph E. Conover, 68 years of age, of 19 Emmons Avenue, Farmingdale, N. J., died January 13, 1966 in Fitkin Hospital, Neptune, N. J.

He was a retired agent for the Prudential Insurance Company in the Toms River area.

Mr. Conover was born in Freehold Township, son of the late Frank and Lois Errickson Conover. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Freehold, N. J.

He is survived by his widow, Janet; a son, Frank G. Conover of Ardmore Estates, Howell Township; a sister, Mrs. Mildred Miller of Highland Park, N. J.; two brothers, William Conover of Farmingdale Park, and George W. Conover of Somerset, N. J., and three grandchildren.

Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Freehold, N. J.

Joseph S. Conover, Sr. of 1087 Bloomfield Avenue, West Caldwell, N. J., died July 23, 1965. Surviving are his widow, Lillian Reynolds Conover; two sons, Joseph S., Jr. of Sparta, N. J. and Richard L. at home; and a daughter, Edna, also at home; one brother, C. T. Conover of Leonardo, N. J.; two sisters, Mrs. Allaine Holznagel of Asbury Park, N. J. and Mrs. Margaret Baird of Bound Brook, N. J. Interment was in Restland Memorial Park.

Lillian Theresa Conover of 124 Westervelt Avenue, North Plainfield, N. J., died January 30, 1966 at her home. She was a daughter of the late David R. and Ida C. Philpott Conover, and was a life-long borough resident and a retired bookkeeper of Snuffy's Restaurant, Scotch Plains, N. J.

She is survived by three sisters, Mabel M. Conover of the Westervelt Ave. address; Mrs. Harold W. Blackford of 59 Rockview Avenue, North Plainfield, and Mrs. Charles J. Wilson of Irvington, N. J.; also two nieces, Lorraine Conover of the Westervelt address, and Mrs. Walter Egbert, Jr. of East Brunswick, N. J., and a nephew, Winfield D. Blackford of Metuchen, N. J.

She was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J.

Wesley A. Konover, 58 years of age, of 13 Patton Avenue, Princeton, N. J., died at his home on February 13, 1966.

Born in Dutch Neck, N. J., he was vice-president, treasurer and a member of the board of directors of the Vulcanize Rubber and Plastics Co. of Morrisville, Pa. A member of the First Presbyterian Church, Princeton; Princeton Lodge #38, F&AM; Tall Cedars of Lebanon of Trenton; Stuart Cameron McLeod Society and past president and director of the National Association of Accountants, Trenton Chapter. He was a graduate of Rider College, class of 1928.

Surviving are his wife, Josephine R. Dennis Konover, and two daughters, Miss Barbara R. and Miss Gaye E., both of Princeton. Interment was in Dutch Neck Cemetery.

Clemmie Conover Webb, 78 years of age, widow of Robert Love Webb, died January 16, 1966 at Corwin Hospital, Pueblo, Colorado.

She was born at Burneyville, Indian Territory (Oklahoma), September 19, 1887, and lived in Enid, Oklahoma most of her life, having moved to Pueblo approximately 20 years ago.

She is survived by two sons, R. L. Conover Webb of Boise, Idaho, and Theron G. Webb of Colorado Springs, Colorado; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Interment was in Comanche Cemetery, Comanche, Oklahoma.

She was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Edith F. Newkirk of 321 West 42nd Street, New York City, died December 31, 1965, in French Hospital, New York City.

She was the daughter of James and Sarah Van Dorn Conover Forman, and the widow of George Newkirk, and is survived by a daughter, Lois Newkirk of the New York address. Interment was in Bay View Cemetery, Jersey City, N. J.

Ethelyn Hulsart, 48 years of age, died May 8, 1965, at her home, 7 Main Street, Farmingdale, N. J. She was born in Farmingdale, the daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Conover Hulsart, and the late Harry Hulsart.

She was a retired bookkeeper at the Brisbane Child Treatment Center, Wall Township. A member of the Methodist Church, Farmingdale, where she taught Sunday School, and a past matron of Molly Pitcher Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Freehold, N. J.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. William L. Sahler of Lodi, N. Y.; two brothers, Edward and Harry of Farmingdale, and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Ardena Cemetery.

Hulda H. Magalhaes, 83 years of age, widow of the late Frank V. Magalhaes, died July 16, 1965, at her home in Hopewell, N. J.

She was born in Keyport, N. J., the daughter of the late William L. and Annie Seabrook Conover. Her parents moved to Brooklyn, N. Y. in 1893 so she and her older sister might have the advantages of the newly established Pratt Institute High School which provided courses not then available at other high schools. A graduate of the New Haven Normal School of Gymnastics, she taught in Haddonfield and at the Brooklyn Heights Seminary.

Mrs. Magalhaes was active in Girl Scout work for many years. She organized a troop at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Brooklyn and after moving to Philadelphia and then to Hopewell, continued her interest in scouting. She was a member of Hopewell Chapter 112, O.E.S., and the Hopewell Valley Garden Club, and she and her husband took an active part in the Ground Observer Corps.

She is survived by a son, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Willard Seabrook Magalhaes of Westfield, N. J.; two daughters, Dr. Hulda Magalhaes of Lewisburg, Pa., and Mrs. Caroline Ann Landis of Goshen, Indiana; five grandchildren; a brother, Henry Seabrook Conover of Milford, Conn., and a sister, Miss Vera Conover of Keyport, N. J.

Ida May Conover Poulson, 83 years of age, of 182 Westervelt Ave., North Plainfield, N. J., died November 29, 1965 in the Margaret McCutchen Nursing Home, North Plainfield.

Mrs. Poulson had lived most of her life in Middlesex Borough. She was born in Conover Corner, the family homestead in which her father had been born and which was used as the Middlesex Borough Hall for many years.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church, New Market; the Elizabeth Snyder Chapter, D.A.R. of Dunellen; Bound Brook Chapter 94, O.E.S., and the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

She was the widow of Louis V. Poulson and is survived by three sons, John V. D. Poulson of 206 DeLacy Drive, North Plainfield; William S. Poulson of Williamstown, W. Va., and George C. Poulson, with whom she made her home; one sister, Mrs. Harvey S. Castner of Watchung, N. J., and five grandchildren. Interment was in Bedminster Cemetery, Bedminster, N. J.

Julia Conover Steelman, 63 years of age, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., died on August 9, 1965, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Helen Smith, 411 New York Avenue, Somers Point, N. J.

Mrs. Steelman was born in Oceanville, N. J. and was an area resident for many years before moving to Florida 15 years ago. She was visiting her sister when she died.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Nodurft of Fort Lauderdale; two brothers, Farrest and Edgar Conover, both of Somers Point; a sister, Mrs. Lillie Snyder of Fort Lauderdale, and a granddaughter. Interment was in Leeds Point Presbyterian Cemetery.

Wilford Sharp Gillespie, 51 years of age, died February 5, 1965, in Provo Hospital, Provo, Utah.

He was born August 24, 1913, in Provo, a son of Sharp Claude and Eva Giles Gillespie and married Olive Diantha Jones in Provo on October 1, 1932. He was fruit farmer; maintenance foreman for Utah Power and Light Co. for 25 years; a graduate of

Lincoln High School; High priest group leader, counselor in bishopric, Sunday School superintendent, MIA superintendent, Elders quorum secretary, Aaronic priesthood advisor.

Surviving besides his widow are two sons, Wilford Daniel and Roger Sharp, both of Edgemont; four daughters, Mrs. Eli E. (Joan) Gourdin of Roy, Mrs. Larry P. (Joyce) Mortensen of Cedar City, Mrs. Charles R. (Valdis) Cox of Kearns, Mrs. Kent E. (Kay) Dennis of Murray; 16 grandchildren; two brothers, J. Robert of Edgemont, and Reed G. of Orem; two sisters, Mrs. Spencer S. (Mary) Hunn of Colorado Springs, Colo, and Mrs. Nolan R. (Jean) Brown of Portland, Oregon.

Interment was in East Lawn Memorial Hills Cemetery.

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Receives AB Degree

Edward M. Conover was graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., Sunday with an AB in government. Son of Borough Tax Assessor John M. Conover and Mrs. Conover of 95 Vander Veer Avenue, he is a graduate of Somerville High School. He will enter Navy Officers Candidate School at Newport, R. I., in July. — *(Somerville Messenger-Gazette, June 17, 1965)*

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Picked Delegate to Institute

Miss Jeanne Conover, daughter of Mrs. Shirley Conover of Main Street, Peapack, N. J., will represent Somerset Hills Auxiliary, American Legion, at the 19th annual session of Girls' State Institute. The institute will be held at Douglass College, Sunday through Friday. The program, sponsored by the N. J. American Legion Auxiliary, is designed to promote better citizenship. Highlight of the week will be the election of a girl governor. — *(Somerset Messenger-Gazette, Somerville, N. J., June 24, 1965)*

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Gains New Post in Electronics

Wallace Conover, Jr., formerly of Somerville, has been named to the position of general technical manager, international, for Cannon Electric International, IT&T. Until this promotion he was general manager in Europe. He recently returned with his family to California after two years in Belgium.

Cannon, with headquarters in Los Angeles, has plants in Australia, Canada, England, Belgium, France and Japan, and offices in 13 other countries.

Conover visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Conover of East Spring Street, after returning from a month's trip to France, Belgium and Spain.

He is a graduate of Somerville High School and Parks Air College. He served 14 years in Naval Aviation, including both World War II and the Korean War, and was discharged with the rank of commander. He now makes his home in Northridge, California, with his wife, two sons and a daughter. — *(Somerset Messenger-Gazette, Somerville, N. J., Nov. 11, 1965)*

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On the Dean's List

Lynda Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Conover, Moss Mill Road, Galloway Township, made the dean's list for the fall quarter at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

Lynda is a freshman enrolled in the College of Education at Kent, majoring in Special Education. She is a graduate of the class of 1965 at Oakcrest High School. — *(Mainland Journal, Pleasantville, N. J., Jan. 27, 1966)*

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Advances to Vice-President Status

Robert T. Conover has been named vice-president in charge of production at Thrush Press, Inc., 52 East 19th Street, it was announced this week by Donald B. Thrush, president of the printing firm.

Mr. Conover has been associated with the company since 1950, allowing for time out in the Army. He began in the shipping department immediately after graduation from St. Francis College, Brooklyn. During the Korean War he served in the Army Transportation Corps for two years. On his return to Thrush he became assistant production manager, and was placed in charge as production manager seven years ago.

Married, and a resident of Matawan, N. J., Mr. Conover has four children who take up a good deal of his spare time. He does have opportunity, however, to indulge occasionally in his favorite sports pastime, softball. His expertness on the diamond is attested by an earlier record of attaining semi-pro ranking as a baseball player. — *(Printing News, New York, N. Y., Feb. 19, 1966)*

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Serves in Vietnam

Ensign John M. Conover is in the war area aboard the LST, USS Tioga County. He is a graduate of Trinity College and was commissioned in November upon graduation from Naval Officers Candidate School at Newport, R. I. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Conover of 95 Vander Veer Avenue. — *(Somerset Messenger-Gazette, Somerville, N. J., Mar. 17, 1966)*

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Graduating in 1966

John Taft Potter, Jr. of Manhasset, L. I., graduated from Tucson, Arizona College, May, 1966. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Taft Potter, Sr., and their daughter, **Joan Louise Potter,** will graduate from Cathedral of St. Mary, Garden City, L. I. in June, 1966 and will then go to Chatham College in Pittsburgh, Pa.

John and Joan are grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taft Potter of 3405 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Heads La Sertoma International

Sarah Elizabeth Conover Reynolds of 1057 East 4th South, Salt Lake City, Utah, was elected in Las Vegas, Nevada, in June, 1965 as president of La Sertoma International, a ladies' service organization. The name is fr SERvice TO MAnkind, the orga zation's motto. It sponsors and ai educational and philanthropic endea ors, fosters worthy charities and p motes the general welfare in cities the United States, Canada and Mex

Mrs. Reynolds was a charter me ber of the Salt Lake City La Serto Club in 1959 and was first Gover of the Utah District. She was Ro Mountain Regional Director in 19 and served as first chairman of International Youth Service Awa Committee. In 1961-2 she was elect recording secretary and the three f lowing years was 3rd, 2nd, and vice-president of La Sertoma Inter tional with headquarters in Kan City, Missouri.

Sarah Elizabeth Conover Reynolds

This year, as president, she is vi ing clubs in the United States, C ada, and Mexico, and will presid the next International Conventio Washington, D. C. in June, 1966.

Mrs. Reynolds was born in Pr Utah, the daughter of the late Wilson and Harriet Ann Harr Conover. She participated in many tivities in Provo High School.

three scholarship pins, was a member of the National Quill and Scroll through publications in journalism, was active in dramatics, music and was president of the Associated Girls Organization.

She graduated from Brigham Young University in 1934, magna cum laude. As a senior there, she received the Hazel Noble Boyack Medal as the outstanding senior in the department of Home Economics. Was active in the Home Economics professional sorority, being elected president two terms. She taught English, foods, clothing and textiles in Utah and Colorado high schools. In 1957 she received a master's degree from the University of Utah and hopes to complete her Ph.D. when time permits.

For more than 25 years, Mrs. Reynolds has been active in the Primary Association of the Mormon Church, an organization that teaches children from 3 to 12 years of age. She sings in trios and choral groups and has been invited to join the famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

In 1936 she married Levi E. Reynolds, a prominent Salt Lake City physician. They have one daughter, three sons and one granddaughter. Their son, Don, has completed 2½ years in France as a Mormon Missionary and will attend Brigham Young University the next semester. Son, Peter, 19 years of age, is going to Finland for 2½ years as a Mormon Missionary.

She is a member of the Van-Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

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Advanced to Office of President

Dr. Louis Walton Sipley of Philadelphia, was elected president of the Netherlands Society of Philadelphia, Pa., at the 1965 annual meeting of the society. He had served for two years as vice-president and a member of the executive committee for three years.

The Society holds its annual meeting in late January or early February as a formal dinner in observance of the signing of the Treaty of the Union of Utrecht. Regularly a Spring Luncheon and a Fall Luncheon are held at which addresses are given and motion films are shown relating to the Netherlands. Other activities are included as special events.

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Facing Hospital's Greatest Challenge

George Walter Conover: Finds himself a very busy man.

As the head of an automobile dealership, the Nassau-Conover Motor Co., he was in Detroit last week as a member of a sales advisory panel assembled by the Ford Motor Company.

Mr. Conover was hardly back in Princeton before he was hearing a report on Princeton Hospital's efforts to raise funds to finance construction of a major addition to the medical facilities. Elected to the hospital's board of trustees in 1950, he was treasurer for 10 years and is now in his third year as president.

George Walter Conover

There are around 400 people on the staff at the hospital and as for "business," it all too-frequently has its 212 patient beds filled. There were only 68 beds when he became voluntarily involved in guiding hospital affairs 16 years ago. The financial budget has kept pace with the physical growth and will reach $4.5 million this year. The figure seems less alarming when Mr. Conover informs you that the 1965 ledger closed "in the black," even though the sum was small.

Of Dutch ancestry, Mr. Conover's grandfather ran a carriage business in Dutch Neck and he was born in the tiny community south of Princeton. When the horse gave way to the auto the Conover business changed from wagons to "tin lizzies." The present owner of the family firm took over in 1939 and until very recent years it was operated in Princeton's main business area. Today the modern Nassau-Conover enterprise is north of town on Route 206.

After graduation from Mercersburg Academy he went on to Trenton's Rider College and earned a degree in business administration. Shortly afterwards he served three World War II years in the Air Force.

Growing post-war Princeton had many volunteer tasks for a young businessman with a warm and friendly nature. For almost nine years he served on the Township Board of Education and seven as president of the board of trustees of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. He has been on the board of the local Red Cross Chapter and the Young Men's Christian Association.

He is a director of Princeton Bank and Trust Co. and Princeton Savings and Loan Association. In the motor car field he is a past president of Mercer County Automobile Dealers' Association and a trustee of the New Jersey Automotive Trade Association.

When a Rotary Club was formed in Princeton, Mr. Conover was a charter member and later was president. He helped organize the Greater Princeton Chamber of Commerce and Civic Council and is still a director.

At one time Mr. Conover thought he would like to become a doctor and this interest plus his activity in community affairs seems to have drawn him into the management of Princeton Hospital.

He explains that the hospital is at present making an urgent appeal for $615,793, which is a large amount of money to obtain by public subscription even in a community as affluent as Princeton.

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Further expansion of the well-functioning residency program for young doctors seems likely.

The resident physicians already are responsible for "a very important part of Princeton Hospital's workload," Mr. Conover says. Among their duties are the staffing of the accident dispensary and obtaining the medical histories and physical examination of patients.

Likewise, the physical facilities of Princeton Hospital are easy to observe. He can show blueprints for the future and tell you how much money will be needed to make them a reality. It is much more difficult to describe the people who make the hospital function, whether it be the skilled physician, the highly trained technician or the competent administrator.

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The Blue Ribbon Family of the State of Iowa

Winners of over 90 ribbons at several State Fairs

The Tom Conover Family of Holstein, Iowa
Allen 14 Phyllis—mother Linda 16 Tom—father Bruce 15 Craig 17 Grant 13

DES MOINES, IOWA (AP) — It is shortly after nine o'clock of a damp, gray Wednesday morning and the Iowa State Fair is slowly coming back to life.

On the grand concourse, athrob with fun and frolic the night before but quiet now, just about the only people up and about are those who have to be.

Down in the cool gloom of the swine barn, a remote corner of the fairgrounds where the seekers after fun and frolic rarely intrude, Craig Conover, 18, looks up from his bizarre task

of shaving a sow's ear with an electric razor and grins and tells a visitor: "This is the big day."

It was the day they judged Berkshire hogs at the Iowa State Fair, the climax of a year's work for the **Conover family** — Tom, 41, his wife, Phyllis, and their five teen-aged sons and daughters — who raise Berkshires for a living on their 272-acre farm two miles down a dusty county road from P.S. 59 just south of Holstein, Iowa.

Ribbons won at the 1965 Iowa State Fair

Oh, a hog man can survive, even do quite well, without showing a single animal at the fair, but there is a stimulation, and with some, an intoxication, that comes from pitting your hogs against all comers and taking home the blue ribbons for your scrapbooks and the royal purple banners of grand champions to hang on your office wall.

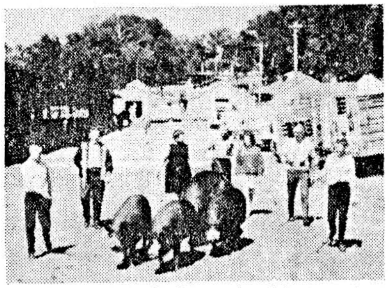
Besides, there are cash awards that go with the ribbons.

A state fair in the corn belt is like that — glory rampant on a field of practicality.

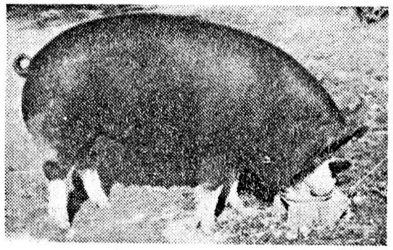
It's a social event, too, a chance to see old friends who may be seen only this once in a whole year, distances being what they are in the Middle West, and an opportunity to meet new people, many of whom will never be seen again.

The big day for the Conovers began at 5 a.m. while it was still dark and the trees dripped the remnants of the night's rain on the campgrounds, a small city of tents and trailers that springs up suddenly at fair time on a hill overlooking the fairgrounds. During the 10 days of the fair, as many as 4,500 people may be found living in varying degrees of rustic comfort on the campgrounds. Bringing their own food precooked and preserved at home, and renting two 12 by 14 tents for $16 each. Tom Conover figures his family of seven spends $150 in 10 days on living expenses.

The Conovers had been up late the night before, until 11 p.m., feeding hogs, washing hogs, shaving their ears and tails, trimming their feet. They



Tom Conover family on the Fair grounds



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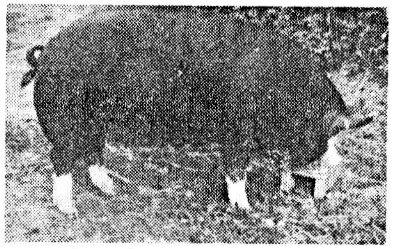


Iowa Grand Champion 1965

were showing 30 hogs in all, ranging from 600-pound fall sows down to 200-pound March gilts (young sows) and boars. Come morning and there was still work to be done.

The precise ownership of a hog in a family as large as the Conovers is a moot point. They are penned together, fed together, cared for by all, but registered to different members of the family. Thus it happened that Grant Conover, 13, wound up showing a hog registered to his father while brother Craig handled one registered to Grant. Grant took second, a red ribbon and $23; Craig third, a white ribbon and $21.

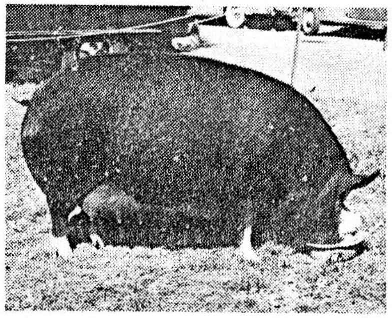
Craig, Grant and Allen Conover, 14, showing in a field of 18. Eight are eliminated. Now there are 10. Allen is waved to pen one; Craig to pen two. "Don't mean anything yet," says their sister Linda. "They might change them." Any other year Linda would be showing hogs herself. This year she is Iowa Berkshire queen. She is giving out ribbons instead of receiving them.

Blue Ribbons

The winner is Allen. A blue ribbon from his sister and $25.

Down in the swine barn, junior yearling sows were on. The Conovers were showing six, so many that they had to call on the serves, Ben Bye, 18, a "town boy" from Holstein — population 1,400 — and Bobby Butcher, 13, a friend of Grant, to help show. "The Conovers don't beat you, they outnumber you," said a rival exhibitor as he watched Linda present a blue ribbon to Craig and a red one to Bobby Butcher. Then, as if to prove him wrong, the Conovers entered only three fall sows and swept the first three places.

During the noon lunch break, there was much to report to Tom. Three out of a possible seven blue ribbons; four red and two white ones. One boar with an outside chance to become grand champion. Two sows with excellent shots at grand champion. And, on the practical side, $228 in prize money. Since it cost $128 to truck the hogs to the fair — 320 miles at .40 per loaded mile — and $59.50 for space in the barn — 17 pens at $3.50 a pen — the hogs had already more than paid their own way.



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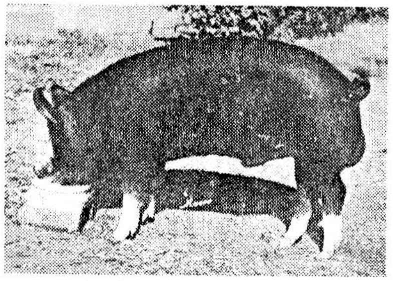


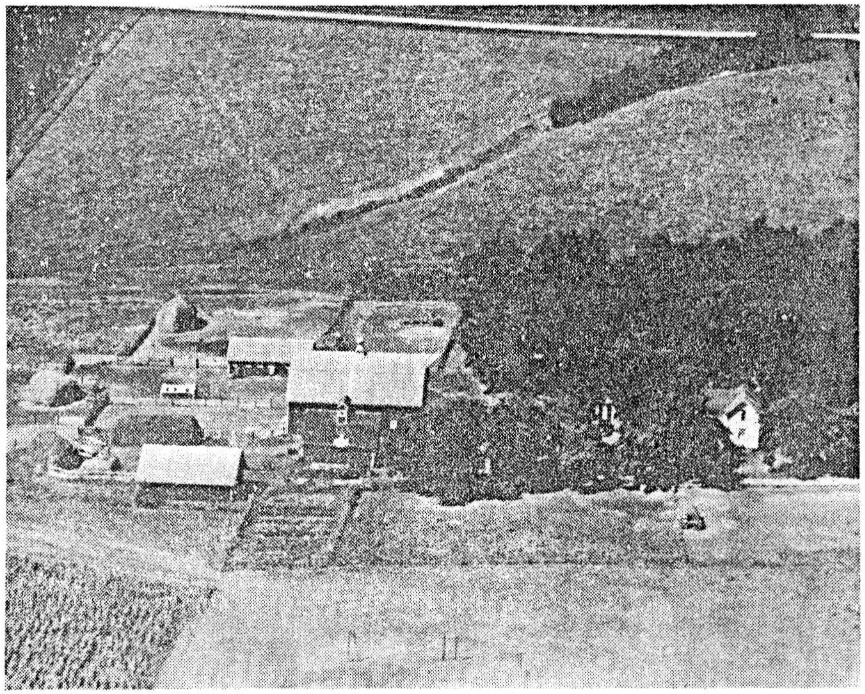
Magic Touch—Iowa 1961

Now it is one o'clock. The judging resumes. January gilts on. Another sweep for the Conovers. One, two, three. No time to think about it. February gilts on. It's hot and sticky in the ring. Craig's white shirt, with the green script "Bonnie Acres Farm" embroidered on the back, is drenched with perspiration.

Down in the swine barn, the judging of Berkshire hogs had reached grand champion sow. It was a strangely subdued final, an anticlimax. Somehow, the decision had come down to a choice between a January gilt and a fall sow, both registered to Allen Conover. The winner was the fall sow, named "Bonnie Acres Miss Iowa VI." The name probably would never be used. "They have to be named when they're registered," said Linda, "but you never think of them by name." How do you think of them? Linda grinned. "Just hogs, I guess."

The Conovers added up the day's score: 26 ribbons, 4 of them, the coveted blue, 6 purple banners denoting champions or reserve champions — and $459 in prize money.

"You can say," said Tom Conover with a grin that tilted his cigar to a jaunty angle, "that it has been a very successful fair."



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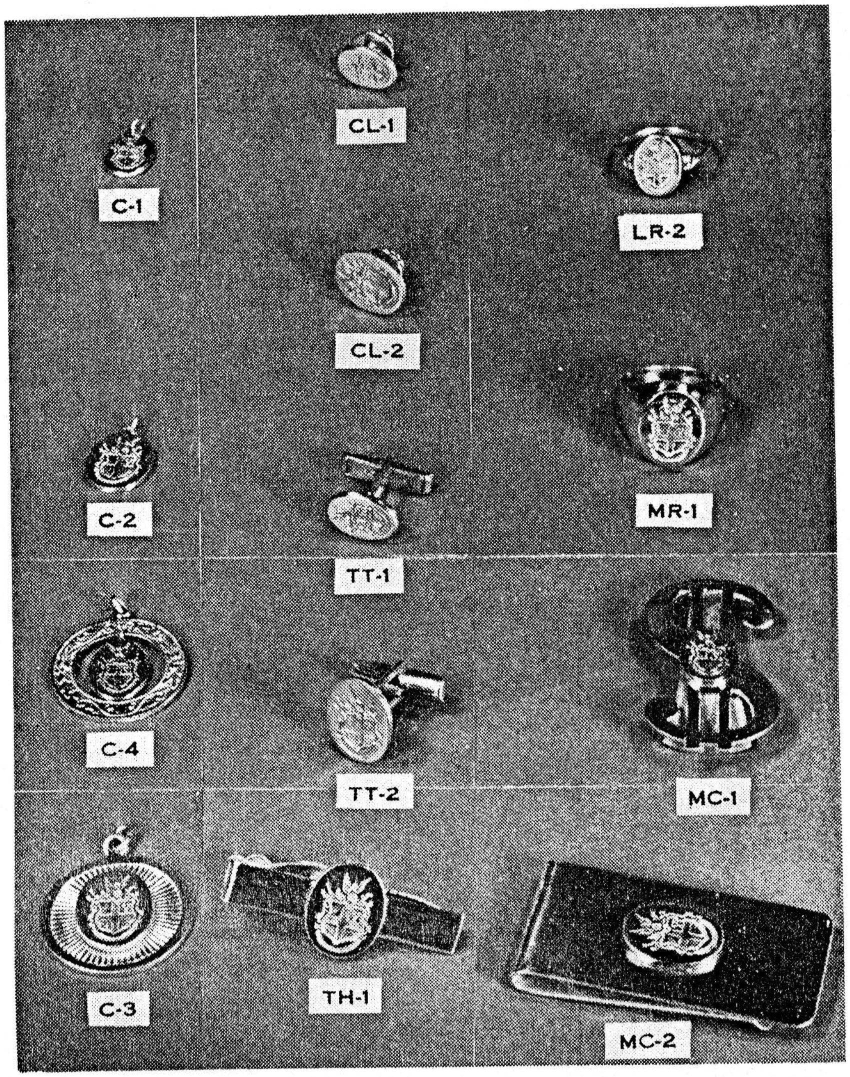

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on Saturday, October 2, 1954

At 11:15 A.M. the President called the meeting to order with the following members in attendance:

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- Mrs. G. Marvin Conover, Hopewell, N. J.
- Mrs. John A. Conover, North Branch, N. J.
- Miss Jeanette Farlee, Newark, N. J.
- Mrs. Carrie Groendyke, High Bridge, N. J.
- Frank J. Maps, Long Branch, N. J.

Regrets at being unable to attend were read. One from Dr. Frederick H. Law, Past President, reported that he was steadily recovering from his recent illness. Donald D. Conover, Past President, wrote of serious illness in his family, and asked for our prayers; and the President, on behalf of the Association, had written to him at once with assurance of our deep sympathy and our prayers.

Vacancies on the Board of Trustees. Herbert T. Conover, reporting for the Nominating Committee, stated that no one had been persuaded to accept nomination for trustee, excepting Mrs. Robert T. Surtees, proposed by Mrs. Rundstrom. Mrs. Rundstrom's statement of her candidate's qualifications was satisfactory and Mrs. Surtees was unanimously elected trustee for a three year term ending 1957.

The President expressed complete confidence in his being able to secure the willing consent of three other competent members within a day or two, and asked for authority from the Executive to secure and confirm such trustees; which authority on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried was delegated to the President. He also pointed out it was important that at least one of the trustees should represent Monmouth County.

(Supplementary to these minutes and included herein as a part thereof, are the names of three trustees confirmed by the President on October 4th under authority delegated to him: Mrs. David W. Sifton, New York City; George Delbert Conover, Hopewell, N. J.; Mrs. Arthur W. Pettie, Englishtown, N. J., all being amply qualified to be trustees of this Association.)

Because of the amendments passed at the last annual meeting which provide that four trustees shall be elected annually, the terms of two present trustees, Walter W. Kitchel and Donald Van Nest Conover, whose terms expired this year, are extended. The President explained the procedure he expected would be followed when trustees are elected next year, after which the terms of four trustees would regularly expire each year.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, reported as follows:

Balance on hand June 26th, 1954		$ 777.56
Dues received		214.00
Sale of Supplies		45.00
		$1,036.56
Disbursements		
Dinners for speaker, wife and minister	$ 7.50	
Printing and postage for Reunion	53.50	
Flowers	12.25	
Secretary fee, postage and phone calls	10.86	
Treasurer's postage	9.00	
Cost of supplies sold at Reunion	4.75	
Official Stationery	6.00	
Cost of supplies and postage	9.14	
Double cards notice of meeting	3.00	$ 116.00
Balance on Hand Oct. 2, 1954		$ 920.56

It was agreed that during the Treasurer's absence of two months abroad there would be no pressing bills and the trickle of dues could be handled by her upon her return.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the treasurer's report was approved as read, with thanks for faithful, efficient performance and earnest good wishes for a delightful holiday.

Appointment of Genealogist and Historian. The President confirmed the appointment of Mrs. Leonard G. Rundsrom as Genealogist, and of Mrs. Frank J. Maps as Historian, and he also appointed Mrs. Rundstrom as Chairman of the Membership Committee with a suggestion that she herself enlist the members thereof.

Membership Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman, presented the following applicants for membership in this Association:

Mrs. Dean Lars Jacobsen (Alta Higbee) Route #1, Box 324, Provo, Utah
Robert L. Conover, 31 Richter Ave., Milltown, N. J.
Stephen A. Conover, 166 Cleveland Ave., Trenton 9, N. J.
Mrs. Helen C. Walters, 621 Lake Ave., Asbury Park, N. J.
William S. Conover, 56 Maple Place, Clifton, N. J.

Miss Zeau Martin Conover, Locust Lawn Farm, Freehold, N. J.
John F. Conover, River Road, P. O. Box 216, Manasquan, N. J.
Mrs. Lois F. Rassmussen, 493 South Main St., Smithfield, Utah
Harry D. Conover, 115 Washington Ave., Spring Lake, N. J.
Mrs. Blanche C. Dator, 36 Owens Road, Mahwah, N. J.
Norman I. Shoemaker, 807 Trenton Ave., Point Pleasant, N. J.
Raymond F. Male, 76 Cedar Lane, Princeton, N. J.
R. L. Conover Webb, 569 Ogden Canyon, Ogden, Utah.
Theron Gedney Webb, 13 East Brookside, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Mrs. Robert Love Webb, 1502½ Claremont, Pueblo, Colo.
William Arnold Conover, Jr., 168 Chestnut St., Boonton, N. J.
Mrs. Geraldine C. Callaghan, 218 South Seeley St., Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Leroy T. Blackwell, 11 N. Greenwood Ave., Hopewell, N. J.
Mrs. Edna Stillwell Conover, 129 South St., Morristown, N. J.

Mrs. Rundstrom reported the following members had completed and filed their lineage paper and are entitled to Ancestral membership:

Mrs. G. V. (Kathryn Conover) Baum, 272 Nassau St., Princeton, N. J.
Harold A. Conover, 335 Stiles St., Elizabeth, N. J.
Miss Roberta M. Conover, 785 N. Shore Rd., Absecon, N. J.
Mrs. Fred E. Briggs, 1104 N. 49th Ave., Omaha 3, Neb.
Mrs. John J. Foard, 335 Stiles St., Elizabeth, N. J.
Mrs. Louis M. Johnston, 78 Dunkirk Road, Baltimore 12, Md.
Mrs. John T. Pette, 4006 Perry St., Jacksonville, Fla.
Mrs. Thomas H. Rogers, 42 Wood St., New Canaan, Conn.
Mrs. Darrell B. Russ, 335 Stiles St., Elizabeth, N. J.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the above report was approved with grateful appreciation for the performance of a difficult and very important task.

Historian's Report. Mrs. Frank J. Maps, Historian, reported a number of births, marriages and deaths since her last report, all of which will be found printed under their proper headings elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Increasing Cost of Supplies. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies, reported steadily rising costs; for example, a hand-painted coat-of-arms listed for sale at $12.50 now costs $15.00 according to notice from the artist. After discussion it was agreed that a member who had just ordered one at the price of $12.50 should be informed of the increase and be asked to accept a charge of $15.00. All supply lists should be revised after consulting suppliers as to their latest prices. A modest margin of profit would provide a cushion against sudden increases in costs, and all lists should bear a notation to the effect that prices are subject to change dependent upon costs.

The Editor of our interesting and valuable Bulletin informed the Council that within a few weeks he would have it completed and ready for mailing.

At this point the morning meeting was adjourned until 2 P.M. A delicious and ample meal was thereupon served in a manner which deserved the enthusiastic comments of all.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon meeting was called to order at 2 P.M. The President stated that since the routine business of the Council had been in great part completed at the morning session, he intended to introduce matters for informal discussion, exchange of views, and subsequent thoughtful review during the interval leading up to the Spring meeting. Referring wryly to the unseasonable heat and humidity wave, he stated that over many years he had observed that the first two weeks of October seldom had less than 12 days of good weather. In any event it was admittedly a pleasant time of the year. The extreme heat which invariably attended our annual meeting at the end of June, the traffic conditions, vacation periods, departures for shore and mountains, all are deterrments, but most of these disadvantages appear to be absent during the first ten days of October.

Annual Reunion. The annual meeting for 1955 would certainly be held on June 25th and the President said he was bringing the matter up at this time preparatory for full consideration next year. Letters from members often complain of lack of public transportation to points chosen for annual reunions. The President suggested that at the coming 325th anniversary meeting this defect should be corrected, and the event made a special one. In a show of hands consensus of opinion favored Atlantic City or its vicinity as the location, and of course the cost is a factor which requires attention with a view to encouraging a large and representative attendance.

Reunion Committee. The President appointed a committee for the annual meeting comprising Harry W. Van Kouwenhoven as chairman, John A. Conover and Donald Van Nest Conover, the chairman to appoint an entertainment committee with one of his committee members as chairman thereof. The chairman of the committee for the annual meeting would report to the president from time to time on progress.

It was reported to the meeting that a special outlay of $7.50 had been incurred by the chairman of the 1954 entertainment committee and reimbursement was requested. Since a special contribution had been made to the Family Association for this specific purpose, amply for the chairman's expenditures, payment to him was authorized without discussion and no precedent was set thereby. However, at the Spring meeting a clear definite policy respecting outlays made by officers and trustees should be discussed and formulated.

During his term as Treasurer, the President stated, he had often expressed his opinion that the annual dues of $1.00 were foolishly low and should be doubled. Any increase would have to be approved by a majority of the members present at the annual meeting. It was the informal opinion of the Council that an increase of the annual dues to $2.00 was desirable. If the Spring meeting approved, the President promised to present an informative statement to members at the next annual meeting.

The President stressed the interest and satisfaction derived from locating and interviewing prospective members. The younger married couples with children, a growing feeling of security, and an enlarged perception of the deep values in family life furnish ample grounds for optimism in regard to the future of our family association, if concerted and persistant efforts are made to enlist their interest. Each member of the Council should study the latest issues of our Bulletin in order to ascertain who in their vicinity appear to be eligible for membership. He mentioned that Miss Priscilla Conover of Cleveland, Ohio, had sent him a list of Conovers in the telephone directory; that he had found only one to be a member; that he had authorized her to interview them on behalf of the Association; and he confidently expected her enthusiastic interest and efforts would produce results. Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom, membership chairman, would welcome and gladly assist all such efforts.

Membership Certificates. Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom, membership committee chairman, expressed her conviction that a certificate of membership, excellent in design and quality would redound the Association's prestige and enhance the value of membership. After discussion Mrs. Rundstrom was authorized to secure data concerning design and cost for submission with her comments to the Council at the Spring meeting.

Spring Meeting. The next meeting of the Council was set for April 23rd, 1955, at the Calvary Baptist Church, Hopewell, New Jersey.

A rising vote of thanks to the ladies of the church, for hospitality at the very best, terminated the meeting which thereupon adjourned.

(Mrs. Garrett M.) Bertha S. Conover, Secretary

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Report of the Executive Council's Spring (1955) Meeting

Held at the Calvary Baptist Church, Hopewell, N. J. on Saturday, April 23, 1955

G. Marvin Conover, Vice President, presided in the absence of the President, Louis W. Conover, who is in Florida.

The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Rev. Garrett M. Conover. As several members present did not attend the Fall meeting of 1954, a motion was made, seconded and carried that the Secretary read the minutes of the Fall meeting so they might be informed of what transpired at that time. After reading the same, they were approved by those present.

Those attending were:

Past Presidents —

Rev. Garrett M. Conover, High Bridge, N. J.
David H. Conover, Easton, Pa.
Donald D. Conover, Philadelphia, Pa.

Officers —

G. Marvin Conover, Vice President, Trenton, N. J.
Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, Pleasantville, N. J.
Mrs. Garrett M. Conover, Secretary, High Bridge, N. J.
Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman, Membership and Genealogical Committees, Atlantic City, N. J.
Mrs. Frank J. Maps, Historian, Long Branch, N. J.
Mrs Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies, Morristown, N. J.
Herbert T. Conover, Editor of Bulletin, Morristown, N. J.

Trustees —

Mrs. David W. Sifton, New York, N. Y.
Mrs. Edward Shields, Pleasantville, N. J.
Mrs. Clarence Dawley, Plainfield, N. J.
Walter Kitchel, Plainfield, N. J.
Donald Van Nest Conover, Somerville, N. J.
Leon Conover, Absecon, N. J.
George D. Conover, Hopewell, N. J.
Arthur D. Kouwenhoven, Short Hills, N. J.

Guests —

Mrs. Donald D. Conover, Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. Van Nest Conover, Somerville, N. J.
Mrs. Blackwell
Mrs. Walter Kitchel, Plainfield, N. J.
Mrs. Leon Conover, Absecon, N. J.
Mrs. G. Marvin Conover, Trenton, N. J.
Frank J. Maps, Long Branch, N. J.
Mrs. Arthur D. Kouwenhoven, Short Hills, N. J.

Mrs. Rethberg
David Whittier Sifton, New York, N. Y.

A motion to re-elect as trustees, Walter Kitchel and Donald Van Nest Conover, with terms expiring in 1958, was unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, reported as follows:

Balance October 2, 1954		$ 920.56
Received in dues		72.00
Received from sale of supplies, net		41.00
Donation		10.00
		$1,043.56
Expenditures		
Entertainment at Reunion	$ 7.50	
Speaker at Reunion	25.00	
Bulletins and postage	264.42	
Cost of supplies sold	28.92	325.84
Balance April 23, 1955		$ 717.72

Miss Blake also reported that about 75 members were in arrears on their dues, although it was probable that the number would be considerably reduced by the date of the Reunion. The matter was discussed at some length and it was agreed that the members who give no notice of intention to relinquish their membership owe, and in honor are bound to pay, all arrears.

It was recommended that notice to the above effect be sent to all members more than one year in arrears, and that the names of those from whom no reply is received be submitted to the Executive Council for such action as may seem appropriate.

Membership and Genealogical Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman, reported the following applications for membership:

Oliver D. Conover, 2636 Ashurst Place, Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio.
Rev. J. S. Conover, 341 Glen Park Drive, Bay Village, Ohio.
Lt. Col. Charles B. Briggs, P. O. Box 69, Johnstown, N. Y.
Mrs. Geraldine J. C. Daly, 218 S. Seely St., Chicago, Ill.
Louis B. Mainey, 421 Maple St., Sauk Center, Minn.
Miss Amanda Roundy, 146 S. University Ave., Provo, Utah.
Miss Ada C. Conover, 193 Belmont Ave., Kenmore 23, N. Y.
Mrs. Russell Creighton, 31 Trusdale Ave., Kenmore 23, N. Y.
Mrs. Harvey Hames, 100 Westchester Ave., Kenmore, N. Y.
Mrs. Roy Robertson, 128 Parkdale Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
Miss Verna Conover, Mt. Laurel Road, Moorestown, N. J.
Dr. John W. Conover, 122 New Jersey Ave., Absecon, N. J.

The following members having completed their lineage papers are to be made Ancestral members:

Mrs. Robert Love Webb, 1502½ Claremont, Pueblo, Colo.
Theron Gedney Webb, 13 East Brookside, Colorado Springs, Colo.
R. L. Conover Webb, 569 Canyon, Ogden, Utah.
Mrs. Dean Lars Jacobsen, Route #1, Box #324, Provo, Utah.
Mrs. Victor J. Mortensen, 253 Center St., Smithfield, Utah.
Mrs. Robert M. Corbin, 333 Colebrook Drive, Rochester 17, N. Y.
Miss Zeau Martin Conover, Locust Lawn Farm, Freehold, N. J.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the above applicants be accepted into membership, and that Mrs. Rundstrom be given a hearty vote of thanks for her splendid work.

Historian's Report. Mrs. Frank J. Maps, Historian, reported a number of births, marriages, and deaths since her last report, all of which will be found printed under their proper headings elsewhere in this Bulletin. The report of the Historian was accepted with special thanks.

Agent for Supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies, stated that her stock of pins and buttons is deficient. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, Donald D. Conover was authorized to order at least 12 pins and 6 buttons, and as many more as he thought reasonable depending upon the price.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon for luncheon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council reconvened at 1:45 P.M.

The Vice President presented the agenda prepared by the President on the several matters to be discussed, and agreement was reached therein as follows:

First: That any officer or trustee incurring on behalf of the Association necessary expenditures aggregating $3.00 or more (not including cost of attendance at meetings) shall present an itemized bill for refund by the Treasurer after approval by the President.

Second: That in spite of declining cash balances issuance of the Bulletin shall not be curtailed; but it was the desire of the Council that the printer issue the Bulletin as soon after each Annual Reunion as practicable.

Third: Annual dues of one dollar in effect for so many decades have been recognized for years as absurdly inadequate. In spite of a much enlarged membership, rigid economy, the forgiveness by officers of substantial expenses incurred by them and without possibility of making modest outlays for objectives greatly in the interests of the Association, declining cash balances force a prompt revision of the dues and make an increase of at least $1.00 per year imperative.

After full discussion, the Executive Council authorized the President to present for approval by members present at the next Annual meeting its unanimous recommendation that annual dues be increased to $2.00 (plus as at present, $1.00 application fee for new members) effective July 1, 1956 and applicable to the Association's fiscal year ending June 30, 1957.

Annual Reunion for 1955. Donald Van Nest Conover, reporting for the Committee on the 325th Anniversary announced that the Committee has secured the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall in Atlantic City, N. J., for the occasion and that the date fixed is Saturday, July 9th; that a turkey dinner would be served for $3.00 including gratuity; that they are still trying to secure a principal speaker of note; that Miss Mida C. Blake would show slides of her recent trip to Holland, etc. Music would be provided, and, with possibly some additional features, the Committee believed the program would be pleasing.

Publicity Committee. The President appointed a Committee for Publicity as follows:

Miss Priscilla Conover of Cleveland, Ohio, Chairman.
Miss Arvilla Farlee for the Newark, N. J. area.
Mrs. Dawley and Walter Kitchel for Plainfield, N. J.
Mrs. David W. Sifton for New York City.
Herbert T. Conover for Morris County, N. J.
Rev. Garrett M. Conover for Hunterdon County, N. J.
Mrs. Frank Maps and Miss Zeau Conover for Monmouth County, N. J.
Mrs. Eckhardt for the Camden area.
Rev. Earle V. A. Conover, for Omaha, Nebr., and such additional as-

sistants as may be advisable in order to cover other important areas; these however, will receive their releases from the Chairman.

A hearty vote of thanks was given the ladies of the entertaining church for their very fine dinner and courtesies extended. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3 o'clock.

(Mrs. Garrett M.) Bertha S. Conover, Secretary

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325th Anniversary and 59th Annual Reunion

of the

VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Held at the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, N. J.

Saturday, July 9th, 1955

The observance of the 325th anniversary of the arrival in New Amsterdam of Wolfert Gerretse Van Kouwenhoven and his family, was a most memorable occasion and the thoughtful planning and consideration of our host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, were warmly and gratefully appreciated.

A very short business session was held at 11 A.M. with Mr. Louis W. Conover, the President, presiding. In order to expediate matters, reading of the minutes of the meeting of the Spring Executive Council, held April 24, 1955, was dispensed with, the President announcing that the important points therein would be brought up for action during the course of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, reported as follows:

Balance on hand April 23, 1955		$717.72
Dues received to June 30, 1955		25.00
Supplies sold		6.00
		$748.72
Expenditures		
Notices of April meeting	$ 3.00	
Cost of Supplies	5.00	
Printing and postage for Reunion	68.39	76.40
Balance on hand June 30, 1955		$672.32

Miss Blake also stated that the records show that we have 301 members of whom 55 were in arrear on their dues. The report was approved with thanks for admirable service.

Membership and Genealogical Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman, gave her yearly report of Ancestral and Associate members since June, 1954. The names of Mr. Everett E. Borton, Wilmington, Del., and Mrs. Embury Hance, Princeton, N. J., are to be added to the list of those already received and accepted as members per the minutes of October 2, 1954 and

April 14, 1955. She also reported that in addition to the 21 members listed, 26 other application papers have been sent to prospective members. Work is now being done on some of these documents. The report was approved with thanks for her vital work on behalf of the Association.

Historian's Report. Mrs. Frank J. Maps, Historian, reported births, marriages and deaths occuring since her last report and same will be found listed under their proper heads elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Annual Dues. Mr. Louis W. Conover, President, brought to the attention of those present, the recommendation made by the Executive Council at the Spring meeting, April 24, 1955, which reads as follows;

> "3rd. Annual dues of one dollar in effect for so many decades have been recognized for years as absurdly inadequate. In spite of a much enlarged membership, rigid economy, the forgiveness by officers of substantial expenses incurred by them and no possibility of making modest outlays for objectives greatly in the interest of the Association, declining cash balances force a prompt revision of the dues and make an increase of at least $1.00 per year imperative.

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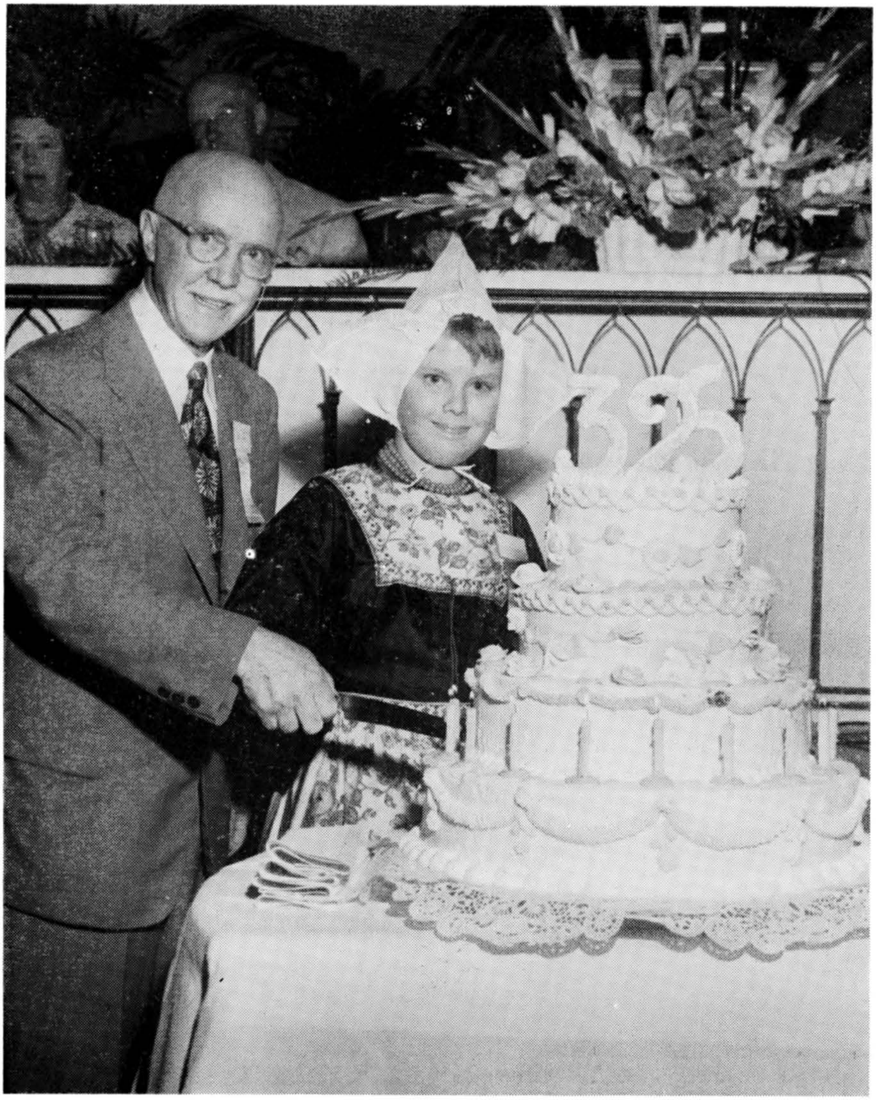
present for approval by members present at the next annual meeting its unanimous recommendation that annual dues be increased to $2.00 (plus, as at present, $1.00 application fee for new members) effective July 1, 1956 and applicable to the Association's fiscal year ending June 30, 1957."



Louis W. Conover, President of the Association and Miss Charlotte McKinley of Merion, Pa. (in Dutch costume) cutting the anniversary cake.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the above recommendation was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M. giving time for making and renewing acquaintances with members and guests until luncheon at 12:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION

When the doors of the spacious Viking Room were opened the beauty of the room, the arrangement of the tables, the colorful harmony of the flowers, linens and table service enchanted every one. The invocation was given by Rev. Garrett M. Conover and the President with a few appreciative words welcomed members and guests.

The main course of the excellent luncheon was turkey and about 150 persons were served. To conclude the meal a towering candlelit anniversary cake surmounted by the numerals 325 was wheeled in. The President and Nancy McKinley, the latter in Dutch costume, wielded the cake knife together while the cameras flashed.

After luncheon the President introduced Mal Dodson, representing the Mayor of Atlantic City, who brought greetings and presented the key of the City. Dr. Irving Voorhees, President of the Van Voorhees Association, and Rev. Clarence Conover, Minister of the Methodist Church of Absecon, N. J., also expressed fittingly their messages of good will.

The principal speaker, Mr. Russell E. Watson of New Brunswick, N. J., described forcefully the notable contributions made by Hollanders in America from very early days with particular reference to events which led to the founding of Rutgers University of which Mr. Watson is a trustee. A well earned ovation was given the speaker at the conclusion of his most interesting and informative speech.

Mrs. Leigh W. Conover, with her husband as accompanist, gave several beautiful vocal selections, and very lovely colored movies entitled "The Dutch Way" and "Holland, Garden of Europe", were shown to the delight of all.

The memorial service for members who had died during the past year was conducted by Rev. Garrett M. Conover, followed by an appropriate solo by Mrs. Walter Conover.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Garrett M. Conover, and the meeting closed at 4 P.M.

The 59th Reunion in observance of the 325th Anniversary will long be remembered as a most successful and delightful affair.

(Mrs. Garrett M.) Bertha S. Conover, Secretary

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Recent Events in the Family Circle

BIRTHS

Donald Rudolph Conover, born October 16, 1954, to Mr. and Mrs. George R. Conover of Old Zion Road, Bargaintown, N. J.

Leon B. Conover, 3rd, born June 18, 1955 at the Perth Amboy Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon B. Conover of 24 Union Avenue, Freehold, N. J.

George W. Mathias, Jr., born April 9, 1955 at the Elsa Mail Maternity Home, to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mathias, of 500 Maple Avenue, Linwood, N. J. Mrs. Mathias is the former Elizabeth Conover.

James Eugene Layton, born February 3, 1955 at the Elsa Mail Maternity Home, to Mr. and Mrs. James Layton of 12 East Washington Avenue, Pleasantville, N. J. Mrs. Layton is the former Martha Conover.

Ralph Eugene Stephenson, Jr., born January 6, 1955 in the Shore Memorial Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Stephenson, Sr. of 416 North Annapolis Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J. Mrs. Stephenson is the former Lillian Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Conover of Pleasantville, N. J.

Wilford Eugene Gourdin, born June 4, 1955 at Utah Valley Hospital, Provo, Utah, to Eli and Joan Gillespie Gourdin of Salt Lake City, Utah.

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MARRIAGES

Brevoort C. Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Conover of Annandale, N. J., and Virginia Louise McCray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville B. McCray of rural Somerville, N. J., were married December 12, 1954 in the Reformed Church at South Branch, N. J., by the Rev. Theodore C. Muller.

The bride was graduated from Somerville High School in 1951 and from Somerset Hospital School of Nursing at Somerville in 1954. The groom, a graduate of Flemington High School, class of 1948, was graduated from Rutgers University in 1952. He is engaged in farming.

Claire Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Conover of Hammonton, N. J., and William Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dmytryk of 145 South Ocean Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J., were married February 13, 1955.

Donald Lee Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Conover of Absecon, N. J., and Emma Jean Morton, daughter of Mrs. Bernardine Morton of 502 North Main Street, Pleasantville, N. J., were married May 21, 1955 in St. Mark's Episcopal Church by the Rev. Jackson A. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Conover are both graduates of Pleasantville High School. Mrs. Conover is secretary to Harry Souchal and Mr. Conover is employed at Abbotts. They will reside on West Greenway Avenue, Pleasantville.

Leigh Wayde Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Conover of Absecon, N. J., and Martha Louise Kline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay C. Kline of Margate, N. J., were married January 15, 1955 in All Saints Episcopal Church by the Rev. Arthur McKay Ackerson. They will reside in Vineland, N. J.

Raymond F. Conover, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Conover of Oakridge Road, Vernona, N. J., and Mary Katherine Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lane of Bayside, L. I., were married August 24, 1954 in the chapel of Riverside Church with Rev. Norris L. Tibbetts officiating.

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NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE
CHALFONTE-HADDON HALL - ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

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BUSINESS MEETING—11:00 a.m.

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL - - - Congregation

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain.
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That seems beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears.
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

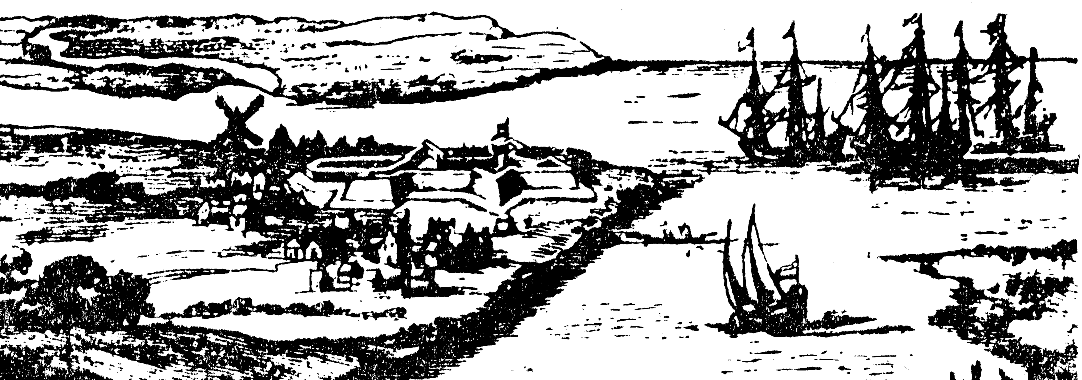
INVOCATION Rev. Garrett M. Conover, D.D., High Bridge, N. J.

WELCOME - - - - Louis W. Conover, Princeton, N. J.
President of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association

LUNCHEON—12 noon

ADDRESS - - Mr. Russell E. Watson, New Brunswick, N. J.

New Amsterdam, 1630



VOCAL SOLOS - : - - - Mrs. Leigh W. Conover
Mr. Leigh W. Conover, Accompanist

"Pleading"	A. Walter Kramer
"I Bring You Heartsease"	Gena Brauscombe
"Lullaby"	Cyrical Scott

COLOR MOVIES—"The Dutch Way" and "Holland, Garden of Europe"

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS (See back page)
Conducted by Rev. Garrett M. Conover, D.D.

VOCAL SOLO - - Mrs. Walter Conover, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS
Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom, Atlantic City, N. J.
Chairman of Membership and Genealogical Committees

OPEN DISCUSSION FOR BENEFIT OF THE ASSOCIATION

HYMN—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" - - - Congregation

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

BENEDICTION - - Rev. Garrett M. Conover, D.D.

New York City, 1955

Memorial Service

(People standing)

MINISTER: There be some who have left a name behind them through whom the Lord hath wrought great glory.

PEOPLE: There may be some who have left a name behind them and whose remembrance is sweet.

MINISTER: And there are some who have no memorial. Who are perished as though they had never lived.

PEOPLE: But their righteousness has not been forgotten. And the glory of their work cannot be blotted out.

MINISTER: The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will show forth their praise.

PEOPLE: For the memorial of virtue is immortal, because it is known with God and with men.

MINISTER: When it is present men take example of it. and when it is gone they earnestly desire it.

PEOPLE: The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance, and the memory of the just shall be blessed.

MINISTER: Therefore love the Lord thy God, and obey His Voice, for He is thy light and length of thy days.

ALL: And the generation to come, your children shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land shall say, The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance. Thou maintainest my lot. The lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places. Yea, I have a goodly heritage.

Minister reads the names of deceased members—

MRS. DAVID H. CONOVER, Easton, Pa., Aug. 3, 1954

MRS. CHARLES H. WHITTIER, New York City, Aug. 4, 1954

MISS LILLIAN R. APGAR, Frenchtown, N. J., Nov. 20, 1954

MR. ISAAC M. PHILHOWER, Cranford, N. J., Feb. 20, 1955

The bride is a graduate of Miami (Ohio) University. She will be a teacher in the Montclair school system in the fall. Mr. Conover is a graduate of Nichols College.

William H. Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Conover of Cole Hill Road, Brookside, N. J., and Gayle F. Finlay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Finlay of Wilson Lane, Mendham, N. J., were married August 14, 1954 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Mendham by the Rev. E. C. Boggess.

Both are graduates of Morristown, N. J. High School. The bride attended the Orange Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. Mr. Conover is employed by the Conover Company as a carpenter. The couple will reside on Cole Hill Road in Brookside.

John Hyer Lyle, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hyer Lyle of Colts Neck, N. J., and London, England, and Florence Ann Krachy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Claire Krachy of 2115 Bolsover Road, Houston, Texas, were married August 24, 1954 at the Episcopal Church of St. John's with the Rev. A. W. Jarvis officiating.

The bride graduated from Rice Institute, where she was affiliated with Pallas Athene Literary Society, and is now teaching. The groom also graduated from Rice Institute where he was a member of the Engineering Society and Alpha Phi Epsilon. He will resume his studies in September.

The groom is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Conover of Freehold, N. J.

Valdes Gillespie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford S. Gillespie of Provo, Utah, and Charles Rich Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rich Cox of Orem, Utah, were married July 31, 1954 in Manti L.D.S. Temple.

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DEATHS

Alfred T. Conover, 81 years of age, of 53 Atlantic Avenue, Keyport, N. J., died September 27, 1954 in the Dr. E. C. Hazard Hospital.

Born in South Amboy, N. J., the son of the late Gilbert and Catherine Burns Conover, Mr. Conover was a career Army officer until his retirement following wounds received in World War I. He was a first lieutenant in Co. L, 59th Inf., 4th Div., seeing service in the Spanish-American, Boxer Rebellion, Philippine Insurrection and World War I.

He was a member of the American Legion, Raritan Post No. 23; the Keyport Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Spanish-American War Veterans, Maj. Gen. Weigel Post, Perth Amboy.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Laura Mae Conover, a sister, Mrs. Mary K. Storer, and a brother, Gilbert Conover, both of Freehold.

Alice B. P. Conover, 90 years of age, died January 26, 1955 at her home in Summit, N. J. Miss Conover was a former registered nurse. She was the daughter of the late Richard Stevens Conover and Sarah Jones Potter. Interment was in Princeton, N. J.

David Conover, 79 years of age, of Pittstown, N. J., died January 5, 1955 in Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J. He was a farmer and a member of the Quakertown Methodist Church.

A son of the late David and Ruth Conover, he was born October 10, 1875 in Franklin Township, Hunterdon County, and was a lifelong resident of that area.

Surviving are two sons, Charles of Quakertown, N. J., and Leigh of Glen Ridge, N. J.; one sister, Mrs. Laura Davenport of Middlesex Borough, N. J., and two grandchildren. His wife, the former Blanch Davenport, died before him. Interment was in Locust Grove Cemetery, Quakertown.

Effie Matilda Conover Elder, formerly of Walkersville, Md., died July 4, 1955. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Nicodemus of Walkersville; a son, Charles Nicodemus of Alpiquitta, Pa., and a brother, Lloyd V. S. Conover of Clinton, N. J.

Elias H. Conover, 91 years of age, of Main Street, Farmingdale, N. J., died March 21, 1955 at his home. He was a retired employee of the Farmingdale Preventorium, and was born in Adelphia, N. J., son of the late David H. and Rachel Johnson Conover. He was a member of the Farmingdale Methodist Church and was former treasurer of the church for 50 years. He was a member of th Knights of the Golden Eagle, Winsor Castle, Farmingdale, and a member of Farmingdale Jr. QUAM.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nora Hurley Conover, one sister, Mrs. Evelyn Hulsart of Farmingdale, and one brother, Horace V. Conover of Neptune, N. J. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Farmingdale.

Elizabeth Aller Conover, 68 years of age, died at her home 16 South Front Street, Easton, Pa., on August 3, 1954. She was born at Clinton, N. J., the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James M. Aller, and had been a resident of Easton 25 years.

She is survived by her husband, David H. Conover; a brother, George C. Aller of Pittstown, N. J., and a sister, Mrs. William J. Nichols of Easton. She was a member of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church at Grandin, N. J., the Ladies Auxiliary, Knights Templer, Easton. and the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. Interment was in Northampton Memorial Shrine, Easton.

Ella S. Conover, 86 years of age, of 55 Applegate Street, River Plaza, N. J., died September 27, 1954 at the Hilltop Nursing Home, Middletown, N. J.

Born at Holmdel, N. J., Miss Conover was the daughter of the late John S. and Emeline Sproul Conover, and for many years had resided at Reckless Place, Red Bank. Her only sister, Mrs. Archibald H. Sutphen, died just a year ago.

She was one of the oldest members of the Red Bank Baptist Church. Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Elsie L. Conover, 63 years of age, of 20 North Main Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J., died at her home September 12, 1954. Her husband, the late Capt. William L. Conover, was one of the Atlantic City lifeguards and also a sea captain.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Katherine Burdsall of Chalfont, Pa.; one son, Bernard Conover of Absecon, N. J.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Marion Roland of Northfield, N. J.; and one brother, Addison Andrews of Ventnor, N. J. Interment was in Pleasantville Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. J.

Gertrude Crownover, 75 years of age, of 476 Stuyvesant Avenue, Irvington, N. J.. died December 6, 1954 at Irvington General Hospital. She was the widow of Frank Crownover.

Born in Salisburgh, Pa., she had lived many years in Irvington, and is survived by two sons, Samuel and William, both of Irvington; a sister, Mrs. Cora Reiber of Irvington; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Interment was in Hollywood Cemetery, Union, N. J.

Harry Conover, Sr., died June 8, 1955 at his home, 205 Melrose Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J. He at one time was in the oyster business and also conducted a candy store. He is survived by a son, George Conover of Pleasantville, N. J. Interment was in the Absecon Methodist Cemetery, Absecon, N. J.

Helen Glover Cowenhoven, died January 25, 1955. She was the wife of George M. Cowenhoven of 106 South Grove Street, East Orange, N. J. Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, John Cowenhoven and a sister, Mrs. Mary Griffin.

John Howard Conover, 68 years of age, of 829 Kearney Avenue, Cape May, N. J., died January 11, 1955 while on a visit at the home of his son in Summit, N. J.

Born in Matawan, N. J., he had been a resident of Summit for many years. He had lived in Orange, Maplewood, and Chatham before taking up residence in Summit. He retired in 1951 and moved to Cape May.

Mr. Conover attended Stamford University and graduated as the youngest member of the Class of 1907 from Williams College as a Phi Beta Kappa. He was a member of the law firm of Pitney, Hardin & Skinner of Newark from 1917 to 1928; also was a member of Gabrielson, Conover & Stasse, East Orange, before engaging in private practice in East Orange. Mr. Conover served in Naval Intelligence in World War I.

He was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court in 1918. For many years before his retirement he was counsel and director of the East Orange Savings and Loan Association, counsel for the Board of Realtors of the Oranges and Maplewood, counsel for the town of Livingston, and secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Summit Home for Children.

He served as treasurer and trustee for both the North Orange Baptist Church, Orange, and the First Baptist Church, Summit. On taking up residence in Cape May he became a member of the Cape Island Baptist Church.

Mr. Conover is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marguerite Cameron Conover; two sons, Cameron Howard Conover of Summit, Dr. Lloyd Hillyard Conover of Quaker Hill, Conn., six grandchildren; and a brother, Arthur B. Conover of Menlo Park, Calif. Interment was in Holmdel Cemetery, Holmdel, N. J.

Joseph C. Conover, 73 years of age, of 620 North Main Street, Pleasantville, N. J., died February 27, 1955 in Shore Memorial Hospital, Somers Point, N. J.

He was born in Pleasantville and was employed in the maintenance department of the Atlantic County Water Co. for 38 years, retiring about three years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Maybelle Giberson Conover; a son, Elwood A.; a daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Baumgartel, all of Pleasantville; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Pleasantville.

Laura Conover, 53 years of age, was found April 8, 1955 hanging from a staircase post of her two-story home at 53 Atlantic Street, Keyport, N. J. She was found by Police Lt. LeRoy Huyler, who entered the house to investigate a neighbor's report that Mrs. Conover had not been seen for two weeks.

Mrs. Conover, the widow of Alfred Conover, had been in ill health more than a year and had lived alone.

L. Austin Conover, 74 years of age, died December 11, 1954 at the Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, N. J. Born in Three Bridges, N. J., Mr. Conover, husband of Sadie Conover, had lived in Crandford, N. J. nearly 50 years. He was employed by the National Gypsum Co. of Garwood, N. J. Interment was in Three Bridges Cemetery.

Mary Kate Voorhees Kouwenhoven, 84 years of age, died October 16, 1954 in a Long Island nursing home. She was the widow of Charles W. Kouwenhoven, manager of the Voorhees Grain and Feed Company. Mrs. Kouwenhoven was born in the old Town of Flatlands, Long Island.

Dr. Mary L. Reynolds Conover, 74 years of age, of 423 56th Street, West New York, N. J., died September 15, 1954 in Englewood Hospital. Dr. Conover was born in Dover, N. J. and was brought to North Hudson by her parents at the age of 2. A chiropractor, she conducted her practice for the last 35 years at the 56th Street address with her husband, Dr. Fred E. Conover.

She was a member of the New Jersey Society of Chiropractors and the National Chiropractors Association. She also leaves a son, Fred H. Conover of North Bergen; a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Huntley of Bergenfield; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Neilson Brown Conover, 58 years of age, of Laurel Drive, Atlantic Highlands, N. J., died November 13, 1954 at Riverview Hospital, Red Bank, N. J.

A former resident of Glen Ridge, N. J., and of Bloomfield for many years, he had moved from Bloomfield to Highlands only six weeks before his death. In the lumber business most of his life, he was associated with the

Matawan Builders Supply Co. He was born in Atlantic Highlands, and served in the U. S. Coast Guard during World War I.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alice Dudley Conover; a daughter, Miss Mary Alice ,a student nurse at St. Luke's Hospital, New York; a son, Neilson Dudley Conover, stationed with the Navy at Brooklyn Navy Yard; two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy C. McIntyre of Little Silver, N. J., and Mrs. Katherine C. Collyer of Chatham, N. J. and two brothers, Hugh B. Conover of Venice, Fla., and Dr. C. Sterling Conover of New York City. Interment was in Holmdel Cemetery.

Norris Scull Conover, 81 years of age, died February 3, 1955 at his home, 506 Shore Road, Absecon, N. J.

He was born in Conovertown and was a retired Atlantic City Water Department employee.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Bud M. Ireland, with whom he lived; also two brothers, Frank and Ward of Conovertown. His wife, Elizabeth, died in 1931.

Interment was in Absecon Presbyterian Cemetery.

Porter Conover, 72 years of age, of Main Street, Lakewood, N. J., died January 3, 1955 at Paul Kimball Hospital. Born in New Prospect, N. J., son of the late William H. and Mary E. Matthews Conover, he had lived in Lakewood all his life.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lillian Johnson Conover; three sons, Jack of Lakewood, James of Neptune City and Richard of Newark; two sisters, Mrs. Marietta Matthews and Mrs. Edith Frye both of Lakewood; one brother, Isaac Conover of Philadelphia; and several nieces and nephews. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Lakewood.

Richard Conover, 76 years of age, died December 8, 1954 at his home in Ringoes, N. J. He was a retired farmer and a lifelong resident of Hunterdon Co., N. J., also a member of the Ringoes Exempt Firemen's Assn.

He was born November 5, 1878, a son of the late William C. and Harriet Williamson Conover.

He is survived by a son, Robert at home; a brother, George of Three Bridges, N. J.; and two sisters, Mrs. Naomi Wilson and Miss Sadie Conover, both of Flemington, N. J. Interment was in Sandy Ridge Cemetery.

Sara A. Conover, of Wickatunk, N. J., died November 7, 1954 at Ivy Nursing Home, Middletown. She is survived by three brothers, Alfred L. of East Orange; and Stacy P. and Harold V. D., at home. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Marcellus Quackenbush of Wickatunk, and Mrs. Harold E. Smock of Elberon.

Miss Conover was born in Freehold, N. J., daughter of the late John L. and Louisa Fleming Conover. Interment was in Holmdel Cemetery.

Violet Ann Conover, wife of John E. Conover of 52 Smith Street, Newark, N. J., died July 3, 1955. Surviving besides her husband is a daughter Dorothy Conover, and a brother Lester Horton. Interment was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hanover, N. J.

Violet Erskine Conover, of 241 Lafayette Place, Orange, N. J., widow of the late Raymond Conover, died August 4, 1954. Surviving are three daughters, Carol, Ann and Mrs. Vincent Melchionne. Interment was in Roseland Cemetery.

Warren H. Conover, 86 years of age, died January 23, 1955, at his home 2 Yard Avenue, Freehold, N. J. He was born in Freehold, son of the late Ebenezer and Elvalina Hartshorne Conover.

He received his degree in architecture from the Cooper Union, New York, and for many years operated an office in that city in conjunction with his son, J. Hallam Conover. The office was closed in 1942, when he opened an office at his home in Freehold.

Among the many buildings he has designed throughout the country are, the museum of the Monmouth County Historical Society on Court Street, the Court Street School, the Broad Street School and additions to the Hudson Street School building.

Mr. Conover was a life member of the New Jersey Society of Architects, a life member of Olive Branch Lodge, Masons, and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Freehold. In former years, he was an active member of the Freehold Driving Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Conover Millard, and a son, J. Hallam Conover, both of Freehold. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Freehold.

William R. Conover, of 24 Nevins Street, Rutherford, N. J., died November 17, 1954 at St. Mary's Hospital, Passaic, N. J. He was born in North Adams, Mass., but had lived in Rutherford most of his life. He was employed as a line foreman by the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. starting with the firm 45 years ago.

He leaves his wife. Mrs. Virginia M. Conover; two sons, William R., Jr. of Newark, N. J. and Dorsey P. of Hawthorne, N. J.; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Mangan of Wyckoff, N. J.; a brother, Walter of Newark, and five grandchildren. Interment was in Fairmount Cemetery, Newark.

Anna B. Creasey, 81 years of age, retired secretary to the first dean of Princeton University's Graduate School, died July 23, 1955 in Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown, N. J.

She was the widow of Edward J. Creasey and lived at 24 Dickinson Street, Princeton, N. J. Born in Princeton, Mrs. Creasey was a descendant on the maternal side of David Brearley, one of the framers of the Constitution of the United States, and also she was a descendant of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family.

Educated in Trenton, N. J. schools, she served as secretary to Dean Andrew Fleming West, first dean of Princeton's Graduate School, serving in that position from 1903 to 1933 when she retired.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Princeton, a charter member and past president Princeton Business and Professional Women's Club, a member of the Princeton Philatelic Society, University League, President of Present Day Club and a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Assn.

She is survived by a son, Stephen B. Creasey of Peapack, N. J. and three grandchildren. Interment was in Riverview Cemetery, Trenton, N. J.

Arthur N. Kerr, 73 years of age, died at his home, 591 Lillian Way, Hollywood, California, on April 3, 1955. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Linda Krantz Kerr; two daughters, Margaret Jane and Marion; a son, John N. Kerr; and two sisters, Florence E. Kerr and Frances Aliene Kerr. Interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Los Angeles, Calif.

The Butane-Propane News stated—"Arthur N. Kerr, who more than any other individual rates as the father of the liquefied petroleum gas industry, died at his home in Hollywood, Calif., on April 3, as the result of a series of strokes.

"Mr. Kerr is credited with having made the first recovery and the first commercial use of butane and propane as by-products of the refining of gasoline in 1910.

"The great importance of Mr. Kerr's efforts was spotlighted in January, 1951, when the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association officially recognized Mr. Kerr's contribution to the industry by the presentation to him of a scroll extolling the part he had played in developing butane-propane gases, and making him an honorary life member of the association.

"Mr. Kerr's first discovery of butane and propane were the result of his efforts to prevent the loss of hydrocarbon components in the 'weathering' of natural gasoline in the storage tanks of the Riverside Oil Co. of Sisterville, W. Va., of which he was general superintendent. His first experiments resulted in the production of about 200 gallons of condensate.

"This resulted in the formation of the American Gasol Co., which did a great deal of poineer work in the industrial use of LPG. In 1917 Mr. Kerr established the Rockgas Products Co., Pittsburgh, to carry on the same line of work and develop new markets. This was followed, in 1925, by the organization of the Imperial Gas Co. of Long Beach, Calif., with the specific purpose of selling liquefied butane gas to the farmers of the Imperial Valley in California. A short time later offices were established in Los Angeles, and this has remained the headquarters of the company and the center of Mr. Kerr's activities. The company has established several retail branches, and has developed a sizeable distribution business wholesaling fuel, appliances and equipment in the West and the Orient."

Mr. Kerr was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. His paternal grandparents were the late William and Catherine Conover Kerr.

Catherine R. Reger, 89 years of age, died July 11, 1955 in the Roger's Nursing Home in Woodglen. N. J. She was born in Round Valley, N. J., October 4, 1865, a daughter of the late J. Melick and Amanda DeMott Conover. Her husband, George L. Reger, died in 1933.

Surviving are one son George Roy of Delta, Colo. and 13 grandchildren. A daughter, Mrs. John Gulick of Oldwick, N. J. died about four years ago. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Frederick Sutton of Bradenton, Fla. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Whitehouse, N. J.

Hetty Slack Moore, widow of the late Dr. William M. Moore, died September 5, 1954, at her home 62 Alelaide Ave., New Brunswick, N. J. She was born in Dayton, N. J., the daughter of the late Clarence M. and **Mary Elizabeth Conover Slack.** She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Hetty Moore Lamont and a grandson, James Wallace Lamont.

Isaac M. Philhower, 76 years of age, died February 20, 1955, at Elizabeth General Hospital, Elizabeth, N. J. Mr. Philhower was a retired bank teller having formerly been employed for many years by the Somerville Trust Company. He had been a resident of Cranford, N. J. for the past 20 years.

He was a member of the New Jersey Genealogical Society and of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. His nearest survivor is a cousin, Mrs. Fred Smith of Cranford, with whom he resided at 5 Claremont Place. Interment was in Peapack Union Cemetery, Peapack, N. J.

James P. Cartwright, 61 years of age, of South Street, Freehold, N. J., died March 23, 1955 at Monmouth Memorial Hospital, Long Branch, N. J. He was born in Millhurst, son of the late William and **Jane Conover Cartwright.** He was a retired innkeeper and former owner of Cartwright's Inn, Freehold.

His wife, the former Marion Murphy, died 11 years ago. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. James J. McMahon of Tulsa, Okla.; a son, Robert A. Peque at home; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Bogle of Freehold, and two grandchildren. Interment was in St. Rose of Lima Cemetery.

Jean A. Reed, 85 years of age, of Pittstown, N. J., widow of Wesley Reed, died October 18, 1954, in Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J.

Born at Jutland, N. J. September 18, 1868, she was the daughter of the late **David T. and Ruth Leigh Conover.** She spent most of her life in Pittstown, and was a member of Quakertown Methodist Church and the WSCS of that church.

She is survived by one brother, David T. Conover of Pittstown, and one sister, Mrs. Laura H. Davenport of Dunellen, N. J. Interment was in Locust Grove Cemetery.

J. Howard VanSchoik, 74 years of age, of Manassa Road, Farmingdale, N. J., died February 3, 1955 at Point Pleasant Hospital. He was born in Navesink, N. J., son of the late John H. and Elizabeth Conover VanSchoik and was a member of the Squankum Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mamie Smith VanSchoik; a daughter, Mrs. Helen VanSchoik Conover of Spring Lake Heights, N. J.; two grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Bessie VanBenthuysen of Farmingdale, and two brothers, George W. of Squankum and Ernest E. of Farmingdale. Interment was in Fair View Cemetery, Red Bank, N. J.

Lilliam R. Apgar, 64 years of age, died November 20, 1954 at her home 12 Bridge Street, Frenchtown, N. J.

She was the daughter of the late William Conover Apgar and Elizabeth Stillwell Johnson Apgar and is survived by two sisters, M. Ruth Apgar and Elizabeth A. Apgar.

Miss Apgar was a member of the Frenchtown Presbyterian Church, Orion Chapter O.E.S. of Frenchtown, and Old Whitehouse Chapter D.A.R., also the Van Kouwenhover-Conover Family Association.

Madge M. Conover Whittier, 71 years of age, widow of Charles R. Whittier, mechanical and civil engineer, died August 4, 1954 at St. Luke's Hospital. She resided at 527 West 110th Street, New York City.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. David William Sifton and two grandsons, David Whittier Sifton and Richard Prescott Sifton. She was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Laura H. Loper, 74 years of age, died November 27, 1954 at the home of a sister, Mrs. Florence Watson of Penns Grove, N. J. A native of Green Creek, N. J., she operated a service station there with her husband, the late Charles G. Loper, for many years. She had lived in Penns Grove the past 18 months.

Besides Mrs. Watson, she is survived by a son, Clinton Loper of Hood River, Ore.; another sister, Mrs. Irene Lowe of Cape May Court House, and a brother, Lewis Conover of Green Creek. Interment was in Green Creek Cemetery.

Mary Conover Crawford, of 74 McLaren Street, Red Bank, N. J. died September 16, 1954. She was the widow of William E. Crawford. Born in Atlantic Township, she was the daughter of the late Daniel S. and S. Aurelia Waring Conover, and was a member of the Holmdel Reformed Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Elsie C. Dey of Red Bank; two sons, Raymond E. Crawford of Holmdel, and Cecil C. Crawford of Oceanport; a grandson, and two great-granddaughters.

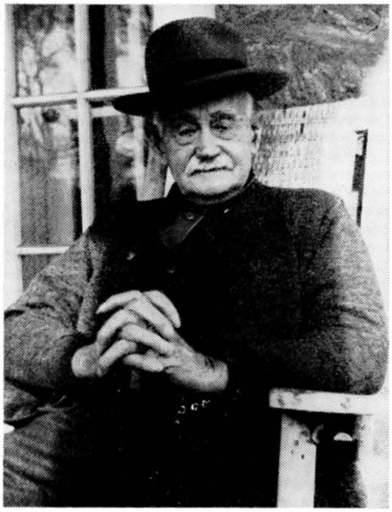
Mildred H. Scull, 40 years of age, of Somers Point, N. J., died April 6, 1955. She was the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Conover.** Surviving besides her parents is a daughter, Barbara Jean Scull. Interment was in Seaside Cemetery, Palermo, N. J.

Walter D. Van Schoick, 79 years of age, died October 17, 1954 at his home in East Main Street, Manasquan, N. J. He was a retired proprietor of a dairy business. He was born in Squankum, N. J., the son of the late John H. and **Elizabeth Conover** Van Schoick.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Robbins of Sea Girt, N. J.; three brothers, Ernest of Farmingdale, N. J., Howard and Charles of Squankum; and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Van Benthuysen of Farmingdale. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Conographs

Another Conover in His 90s



Harry B. Conover of 833 North Shore Road, Conovertown, N. J. (Absecon P.O.). Born December 16, 1864.

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Admitted to College

Miss Barbara Laura Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Conover of York Road, Hightstown, has been admitted to the freshman class of the New Jersey College for Women, Rutgers University, where she will begin her studies September 16. She is a graduate of Hightstown High School.—(Freehold, N. J. Transcript, Sept. 9, 1954.)

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Is New Owner of Old Business

Ownership of Lake & Risley Lumber Co., Pleasantville, established in 1872 by a Risley and more recently operated by A. Sherwood Risley, was purchased as of September 15 by **V. M. "Burkie" Conover.**

Conover, manager of Lake & Risley for four years, has been associated with the lumber firm for eleven years. Previously he was with C. C. Coolbaugh & Son Co., wholesale millwork, Gloucester, N. J.

The change in ownership marks the end of any Risley association with L. & R. The new ownership will be headed by Conover, president; Mrs. V. M. Conover, vice-president, and H. J. Boenning, secretary-treasurer.

Conover is currently president of the Atlantic County Lumbermen's Association, a past president of the N. J. Material Dealers Golf Association and the Pleasantville Rotary Club. —(Pleasantville, N. J. Press, Sept. 17, 1954.)

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With Marines in Korea

Pfc. Raymond W. Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Conover of 616 Pitney Road, Absecon, N. J., has arrived at Inchon Harbor, aboard the transport Marine Phoenix, to join the 1st Marine Division in Korea. —(Pleasantville, N. J. Press, Sept. 17, 1954.)

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Gas Company Advances Conover

Bruce W. Conover has been advanced from Assistant to the general superintendent of operations to assistant general superintendent of operations of the South Jersey Gas Co.

A resident of 115 Berkshire Avenue, Linwood, Conover came to South Jersey as assistant engineer in 1953 from the North Shore Gas Co., Waukegan, Ill., where he served as assistant superintendent of distribution and commercial sales engineer.

Announcement came from Theodore H. Kendall, president of the South Jersey Gas Co.—(Pleasantville, N. J. Press, Oct. 8, 1954.)

It's Sergeant Conover Now

Martin L. Conover, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Conover, 120 Garfield Ave., Linwood, N. J., recently was promoted to sergeant while serving at the Yokohama Transportation Depot.

Conover, a supply specialist with the 8008th Army Unit, has been in the Far East since last December. He entered the Army in June, 1951 and holds the Korean Presidential Unit Citation Badge and UN and Korean Service Ribbons.—(Pleasantville, N. J. Press, Nov. 5, 1955.)

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Named Head of Loan Association

Andrew J. Conover, Freehold attorney, was elected president of the Freehold Mutual Loan Association at a meeting of the board here Dec. 3. Mr. Conover had been vice president of the association since 1934 and a director of the board since 1933. — Freehold, N. J. Transcript, Dec. 16, 1954.)

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Wins First Prize

Miss **Dorothy Kouwenhoven** of Northport, L. I., N. Y., was awarded first-place for her leatherwork purse at the 11th Annual Hobby Show of the Grumman Aircraft Eng. Corp. of Long Island. Miss Kouwenhoven is a Trustee of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

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Back in the Army Again

William Arnold Conover, Jr., son of Mrs. William Conover of 168 Chestnut Street, Boonton, N. J., has re-enlisted in the U. S. Army and is now stationed in Germany. He is making it a career and has had ten years previous service. He is a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, having joined in 1955.

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Graduates from Kent School

David Brewster Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Randolph Parker of Lincoln, Illinois, graduated from Kent School, Kent, Conn. on June 2nd. He received the Manager's Cup and the Librarian awards. His father and mother from Lincoln, Ill. and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Everett A. Moore from Grand Haven, Michigan, attended the ceremonies. He will enter Amherst College in September with the class of 1959.

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Cited ior Service

Three Monmouth County residents were cited for "distinguished service" to agriculture and to their communities Saturday evening by the Monmouth County Board of Agriculture at the American Hotel here.

Awards were made at the 10th annual dinner-meeting of the organization. Receiving citations were C. Richard Applegate, Freehold Township fruit grower; Andrew Conover, Freehold Attorney and George Stevens, Neptune Township farmer.

A portion of the citations is quoted as follows:

Andrew Conover

"We want to give special recognition to the blending of law, farming, good citizenship and public service which you have manifested.

"Your service to the public good has been outstanding, attested by serving as clerk and counsel to the Freehold Township Board of Education and later, for 24 years, in the same capacity to the Freehold Borough Board of Education; as counsel for the Freehold Township governing body for more than 25 years; as trustee, secretary and president of the Freehold YMCA, and as director and currently president of the Freehold Mutual Loan Association.

"You are active in Masonic affairs, having been master and then treasurer for 32 years of Olive Branch Lodge. No field of service has escaped your interest." — (Freehold, N. J. Transscript, Jan. 20, 1955.)

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Scientists Report on Vegetable Tests

Washington (AP)—Three scientists reported Tuesday a new plant medicine has increased the yield of some vegetable crops up to 67 per cent.

Drs. **Robert A. Conover**, R. S. Cox and Donald M. Coe of the University of Florida told the annual midwinter workship session of the Vegetable Growers Association of America that the spray has been used successfully to control bacterial spot on tomatoes and peppers.

Dr. Conover reported that 10 acres of tomatoes treated with Agri-mycin yielded up to 154 bushels an acre more than plots receiving no treatment. In addition, he said, the size increased 10.6 per cent. — (Evening World-Herald, Omaha, Neb., Feb. 16, 1955.)

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WAVE Serving in Texas

Among those who have reported to the U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station here for duty with the Disbursing Department is **Ellen S. Conover,** disbursing clerk seaman, WAVES, USN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Conover of 25 Union Street, Dover, N. J.

She attended Dover High School before enlisting in the Navy.

Kingsville, the home of Naval air jet training, is situated a few miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico on the southeastern coast of the state. — (Morristown, N. J. Daily Record, Feb. 21, 1955.)

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Is County Vegetable Queen

Miss Martha Jane Conover, of Green Creek, will represent Cape May County in the State Vegetable Queen contest. She was chosen last week as County Vegetable Queen by a committee of judges of the County Board of Agriculture, which will sponsor her in the state contest in Woodstown on July 7.—(Cape May Star and Wave, June 23, 1955.)

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Wins Rutgers Full 4-year Scholarship

Among the thirty-five full, four-year scholarships awarded by Rutgers University, which are financed entirely from University or alumni funds, is **Richard D. Conover, Jr.,** R.D. No. 1, Lebanon, N. J., who received one of the Upson Memorial Scholarships established in 1927 in memory of the late Irving S. Upson, class of 1881.—(Newark, N. J. Evening News, July 19, 1955.)

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Body Returned from Korea

Final services for **Adelbert Conover,** reportedly the first casualty from the area of Reno, Nevada, were held Thursday, July 14, 1955 at 1:30 o'clock at the home chapel of Ross-Burke Co., Reno, with Nathan Hurst of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as clergyman. He was buried with full military honors in the veterans plot of Mountain View Cemetery. (See Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Bulletin Vol. 14, p. 304, 1951.)

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Citation: Distinguished Service

With this issue of the KANSAS MAGAZINE, **Robert Conover** retires as editor. Professor Conover has been a member of the English Department at Kansas State College since 1915; he has been editor of this magazine since 1943. During the past year he has reached the age of mandatory retirement set by the Board of Regents of the State of Kansas. His years have been symbolic with service; he has been kind, considerate, and long-suffering in his editorial contacts; his friends know him as a gentleman and a pleasant companion.

For years now, the KANSAS MAGAZINE has been Robert Conover's creation. On April 29, 1954, the English Department saluted its retiring colleague with a dinner. Nelson Antrim Crawford and Hallam W. Davis put in words the feelings of several generations of students and friends. Many of the contributors to the KANSAS MAGAZINE sent letters which were included in a bound volume presented to Professor Conover on this occasion. A portfolio from many of the artists who have appeared in the magazine was also presented. Many of the distinguished regional writers whose work has appeared in this magazine were able to attend, including representatives from the Poetry Society of Kansas.

It seems fitting to put this note in the magazine and to tell Editor Conover that he must print it. He will be around to advise us in future numbers. His spirit will give us grace as we try to live up to his accomplishment: Robert Conover: KANSAS MAGAZINE: "Distinguished service." Earle Davis, Chairman, Board of Directors. (Kansas Magazine 1955)

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A WAC Recruiting Officer

Are you between the ages of 18 and 34 years? Would you like to travel, get a technical education and the many other things the Women's Army Corps has to offer? These words flow freely from the lips of a pert, young recruiting officer as she talks daily to the many prospective enlistee's, who visit the Newark, N. J., office of the Corps, armed with questions galore about Army life.

She is SGT. Lillian A. Conover, a native of Conovertown, N. J., located on the New York Highway a short distance from Absecon. Sgt. Conover first enlisted May 25, 1949 and took her basic training at Fort Lee, Va. She reenlisted for another three on May 27, 1955.

Sgt. Conover did not originally plan to make the WAC her career. After attending local schools in Galloway Township and graduated from Pleasantville High School in 1944, hoping to continue her education to become a school teacher like her two sisters.

The passing of her father, Clarence F. Conover, and her mother's need for her to assist in the running of their small grocery store in Conovertown destroyed hopes of her teaching career.

To make the best of things, she helped her mother, and when her brother, Howard, joined the service during World War II, she took over his newspaper route, first delivering papers on a bicycle and later with an automobile.

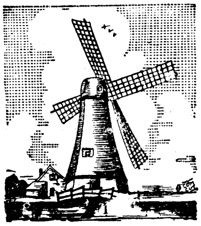
Eager to assist in any way possible during the war years in her community, she drove a fire truck for the Bayview Volunteer Fire Co. and even fought forest fires. On Sundays she taught Sunday school in the Bayview Methodist Church.

In 1949, still with an unchanged desire to travel, she decided to try Army life. A trip to a recruiting office helped her to make up her mind and so in 1949 she enlisted at Camden.

During her basic training she was named the oustanding trainee of Company C at Fort Lee, Va. In September of the same year she attended Leaders Class 13 and graduated as oustanding leader.

In 1951 when she was stationed at Walter Reed Medical Center as a first sergeant, she experienced two of the biggest thrills of her army carrer. One was having tea with former president Harry Truman in Blair House and the other being in the inaugural parade of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Sgt. Lillian Conover became a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association in 1955.



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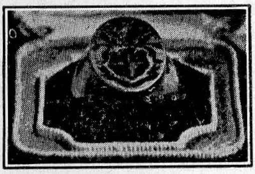

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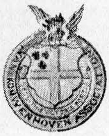

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Report of the Executive Council's Fall (1955) Meeting

AT PRINCETON INN, PRINCETON, N. J.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1955

The meeting, attended by 13 council members and 9 guests, was opened by President Louis W. Conover at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Inn. Council members present were: Louis W. Conover, John C. Conover, Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley, Walter H. Kitchel, Donald V. N. Conover, Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Mrs. Dorothy W. Sifton, Leon Conover, Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Miss Arvilla M. Farlee and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert T. Conover.

The absences of Dr. Frederick H. Law, David H. Conover, Rev. and Mrs. Garrett M. Conover, Mrs. Frank J. Maps and Mrs. Arthur Pette were fully explained by the President; especially with reference to David H. Conover, whose residence had been badly damaged and all personal property swept away by the Delaware River floods; Mrs. Bertha Conover, our Secretary, convalescing in Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J., from a severe heart attack; Mrs. Maps ill from excessive thyroid activity; and Mrs. Pette preparing to celebrate next day the 100th birthday anniversary of her father, Captain Nickolas Conover.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held July 9, 1955 in Atlantic City, N. J. were read and duly approved.

Resignations and Vacancies. The President reported that John C. Conover, who for some time had desired to be relieved of his office as Second Vice President, had amply earned the right to have his wishes respected, and accordingly he was appointing Leon Conover to be Second Vice President until the next Annual Meeting. To fill the vacancy caused by Leon Conover's acceptance of office, the President appointed Miss Priscilla E. Conover, Cleveland, Ohio, to serve as Trustee for the unexpired term. Mrs. Pette's many obligations, absence in Florida, etc., having impelled her to resign, much to the regret of the Executive Council, the President appointed Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven as Trustee to serve for the unexpired term of Mrs. Pette until the Annual Meeting of 1957.

Board of Trustees. There being six Trustees with terms expiring in 1956, the President explained that it was necessary to nominate two Trustees for terms expiring in 1958, and four Trustees for terms expiring in 1959, thereupon after election there would be twelve Trustees with terms expiring as follows: four in 1957, four in 1958 and four in 1959, as required by an amendment approved at the Annual Meeting in 1954. He had secured consents from six well-qualified members to stand for nomination to be Trustees as follows: for terms expiring 1958, Mrs. C. A. Dawley, Clarence C. Blazure; for terms expiring 1959: Miss Priscilla E. Conover, Walter W. Conover, George W. Conover, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven.

Nominating Committee. The President appointed as Nominating Committee, Walter H. Kitchel, Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom and Harry Van Kouwenhoven, Chairman, whose duty it is to submit at the Spring Meeting of the Council its nominees for (a) officers to serve for two years following the next Annual Meeting, and (b) six Trustees. Upon indication by the President, and after motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Nominating Committee was instructed to report as its nominees for Trustees the six members named above.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, reported for the period June 30-October 22 as follows:

Balance on hand June 30, 1955			$ 672.32
Dues collected			312.00
Donations			12.00
Sale of Supplies by Agent for Supplies			10.00
			$1,006.32
Expenditures: Anniversary Reunion Dinners, special cake, flowers, films shown	$462.45		
Less dinners paid for	348.00		
		$114.45	
Badges, Programs, Printing, etc.		61.27	
Postage — Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Chairman		23.85	
Services of Secretary, five meetings		25.00	
			224.57
Balance on hand October 22, 1955			$ 781.75

Membership and Genealogical Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman, presented for inclusion on our membership the names of 36 persons whose applications for membership and accompanying papers had been passed by her as follows:

Mrs. Wallace L. Haines, 20 South Illinois Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J.
Bruce W. Conover, 115 East Berkshire Avenue. Linwood, N. J.
Mrs. Walter B. Foster, 16 Hawthorne Avenue, Princeton, N. J.
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Virgil M. Conover, 15 East Plaza Place, Pleasantville, N. J.
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Mrs. Frank L. Jenks, 3426 Fourth Avenue, Sioux City, Iowa
Mrs. John R. Morris, Ramshorn Drive, Manasquan, N. J.
Edwin C. Loeser, 164 North Passaic Avenue, Chatham, N. J.
Mrs. Chester A. Barr, 103 Putting Green Avenue, Northfield, N. J.
Mrs. William McKinley, 118 Rockland Road, Merion, Pa.
Miss Elaine J. Conover, 807 North Shore Road, Absecon, N. J.
SFC. Lillian A. Conover, 807 North Shore Road, Absecon, N. J.
Claude R. Conover, 1860 Oakmont Road, South Euclid 21, Ohio

The following members were transferred from associate to ancestral membership, their lines having been completed back to Wolphert —

Mrs. Lois F. Rasmussen
Lt. Col. Charles B. Briggs
Mrs. Embury Hance
Louis B. Mainey
Everett E. Borton
Miss Amanda Roundy
Miss Vera A. Conover

Historian's Report. Unable to be present due to illness, our Historian, Mrs. Frank Maps, had sent to the President several notices on the basis of which he reported that:

1. During this month, Jackson Conover, formerly Superintendent of Monmouth County Highways, observed his 93rd birthday at Rumson, N. J.
2. Mrs. Edward Creasy died on July 30th in her 81st year.

A letter congratulating Captain Nickolas Conover, patriarch of the family, upon having attained the age of 100 years and making him a life member was signed by all those present. Coincident with this it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that life membership without further payment of dues be conferred upon three others over 90 years of age, alert, active and honored in their respective communities —

Jackson Conover, Rumson, N. J.
Harry B. Conover, 833 North Shore Road, (Conovertown) Absecon, N. J.
James Harvey Conover, 33 Chapel Street, Brampton, Ontario, Canada

The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 12:15 in order that members might gather socially, wander about the lovely Inn and its impressive grounds, and enjoy a most delectable luncheon served in, appropriately enough, the Dutch Room. The business session resumed at 1:45 p.m.

In the enforced absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Garrett M. Conover, Mrs. David W. Sifton was proposed by the President and unanimously elected Secretary Pro-tem.

After discussion, and on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the date set for the next Executive Council meeting was Saturday, April 28, 1956, at Princeton Inn, Princeton, N. J.

Reunion Committee. A Reunion Committee was appointed comprising Donald V. N. Conover as Chairman, Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley and Miss Mida C. Blake. Tentatively late June or early July was approved for the 60th Annual Reunion in 1956, depending upon the further answer received by Mrs. Dawley from Dr. Robert G. Wheeler, Director of the Institute of History and Art, Albany, N. Y., as to when he would be available to give his talk, "The Dutch in America". Red Bank, N. J. was a suggested locale.

The Kouwenhoven Mirror. The President read a letter from Mr. Herbert F. Freund, of the Chemical Development Bureau, Fairview, N. J., addressed to Miss Mida C. Blake, relative to the disposal of personal property of a Conover, including an antique mirror tracing back to Neltje and Gerritse Kouwenhoven. Miss Blake is to write for more details, as to price, etc., and Mrs. Dawley is to arrange to see this object as a basis for determining whether to acquire it for the Family or for an individual member.

The matter of the loss of our die by the supplier of our pins and buttons, as reported by Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, was to be held in abeyance pending further consideration by the President.

Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom introduced the question of registering of children in the Association. After discussion, and on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, it was resolved that certificates would be given, at a price of $2.00 each, for children up to and including 18 years of age, at which time they could join the Association as adult members, their papers being already on file. Mr. Herbert T. Conover is to draft a form of certificate which he will submit after the publication of the forthcoming issue of the "Bulletin".

Miss Blake suggested sending flowers to Mrs. Garrett M. Conover, our Secretary. After telephoning the hospital to ascertain if flowers were permitted, and upon learning that they were, the President was authorized to send flowers and a telegram on behalf of the Family, collectively and individually.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

DOROTHY WHITTIER SIFTON, Secretary Pro-tem

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Report of the Executive Council Spring (1956) Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1956 AT PRINCETON INN

PRINCETON, N. J.

The meeting convened at 11:15 a.m. in the Princeton Inn's Gold Room and there were in attendance 16 Council members as follows: Leon Conover, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. David W. Sifton, Secretary Pro-tem; Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer; Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Genealogist and Membership Chairman; Mrs. Frank Maps, Historian; Mrs. C. A. Dawley, Mrs. Robert T. Surtees, Donald V. N. Conover, Walter H. Kitchel, Harry W. Van Kouwenhoven, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, Dorothy Kouwenhoven, John A. Conover, Trustees; Herbert T. Conover, Editor of Bulletin; Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies; Rev. Garrett M. Conover, Past President.

Also present were eight guests: Mrs. Blackwell, Mrs. Van Nest Conover, Mrs. Walter H. Kitchel, Mrs. Harry W. Van Kouwenhoven, Mrs. Leon Conover, Mrs. Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, David W. Sifton, and Mr. Frank Maps.

In the absence of Louis W. Conover, President, the meeting was called to order by Leon Conover, 2nd Vice President. The Secretary, at his request, read the minutes of October 22, 1955 meeting. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, these were then approved as read.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, made her report to the Council as follows:

Balance on hand October 22, 1955		$781.75
Dues received		29.00
Total		$810.75
Paid out:		
Flowers	$ 20.25	
Printing (Bulletin and postage)	273.73	
		293.98
Balance on hand April 28, 1956		$516.77

Report of Genealogist and Membership Chairman. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom presented seven applications for membership as follows:

Mrs. M. C. Lamb, 2683 Hillsden Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah
Mrs. Margaret Gray (address to be supplied)
Mrs. William H. Rhodes, Jr., 1531 Henry Clay Ave., New Orleans 18, La.
Mrs. W. William Callmer, 1100 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn 30, N. Y.
Edison Bowen, 1810 Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. Walter O. Shriner, 2525 North Ninth Street, Terre Haute, Indiana
Norman C. Conover, 108 Third Street, Atlantic Highlands, N. J.

and the following four members have been transferred to Ancestral membership:

Edwin C. Loeser, 164 Passaic Avenue, Chatham, N. J.
Mrs. Ruth C. Potts, 27 William Street, Princeton, N. J.
Cameron H. Conover, 19 Oakridge Avenue, Summit, N. J.
Mrs. William McKinley, 118 Rockland Road, Merion, Pa.

Historian's Report. Mrs. Frank Maps, Historian, reported birth, marriages and deaths occurring since her last report and same will be found under their proper heads elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Nominating Committee Report. Harry W. Van Kouwenhoven, Chairman, reported the following members nominated for Officers for the usual terms:

Louis W. Conover for President
Leon Conover for 1st Vice President
Arthur B. Kouwenhoven for 2nd Vice President
Miss Mida C. Blake for Treasurer
Mrs. David W. Sifton for Secretary
Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom for Genealogist and Membership Chairman
Mrs. Allen Lamb for Historian

For Trustees, terms expiring 1958
  Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley
  Clarence C. Blazure

For Trustees, terms expiring 1959
  Miss Priscilla E. Conover
  Walter W. Conover
  George W. Conover
  Mrs. Frank J. Maps

Reunion Committee Report. Donlad V. N. Conover, Chairman, reported that the 60th Annual Reunion of this Association will be held on Saturday, June 23, 1956, at the First Presbyterian and Christ Churches, respectively, in Shrewsbury, N. J.

Agent for Supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies, reported that a new die to replace the lost one and buttons and pins can be obtained from the St. Louis Button Co. The tooling of the die is to cost the

Association $70.00 and the die is to remain the property of the St. Louis Button Co. Sterling silver, blue-and-red-enameled pins and buttons with screw backs will cost $1.50 each. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted the die is to be ordered and information relative to the pins and buttons will be furnished to Association members.

All of the above having concluded the old business, Leon Conover opened discussion for the presentation of new business. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, our Honorary President, Rev. Garrett M. Conover, D.D., who attained the age of 90 years on March 29, 1956, was made a life member of the Association.

It then being 12:00 o'clock noon, the Council members and guests disbanded to take a "breather" and at 12:30 gathered in the Dutch Room to sit down to a well served and delectable luncheon. At 2:00 p.m. the Council reconvened in the Gold Room where business of the Association was resumed.

Monument for Revolutionary War Veterans. Introduced to the members was Dr. Robert E. Scully, 83 years of age, residing at 563 East Main Street, Somerville, N. J., who presented a short history of 1921 to 1936 Walton Family meetings and told of his great grandfather, Albert Covenhoven, a soldier of the American Revolution, who was buried at Larison's Corner, Hunterdon County, the grave being marked by a much weathered and deteriorated red shale marker. In 1953 he and Mrs. Annie Bunnell (nee Walton) started a collection for a suitable and substantial grave marker and collected to date $205.00.

Dr. Scully hoped that the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association would be able to see its way clear to making a contribution to this marker fund for his great grandfather, Albert Covenhoven. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, it was stipulated that a sum of $25.00 be allocated from the Association's Cemetery Fund for this purpose.

Annual Reunion. Second Vice President Leon Conover then reopened discussion regarding plans for the Annual Reunion. Chairman Donald V. N. Conover and Mrs. C. A. Dawley related some of their problems experienced in working out the program.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, it was resolved that the Treasurer, Miss Mida C. Blake, would pay the principal speaker the amount of $25.00. It was further resolved that those people preparing and serving the dinner would receive a gratuity.

Donald V. N. Conover, Chairman, will handle the reservations. A charge of $2.50 for adults and $1.50 for children will be made for the dinner.

Arthur B. Kouwenhoven suggested that the salutation contained in the Annual Reunion letter reading "Dear Conover Cousin" be changed to delete the name "Conover", merely stating "Dear Cousin", this by reason of the fact that while the Conovers were in predominance, the Kouwenhovens and Van Kouwenhovens are still in evidence, and public-relations wise, this would be a politic gesture. Upon motion duly made, second and carried, it was so agreed to do.

After discussion, and upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, Walter H. Kitchel was named Publicity Director for the 326th Anniversary and 60th Annual Reunion of this Association.

Harry W. Van Kouwenhoven informed the Council that the Rev. Stanley S. Singerland, Rector of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church of Flatlands, Kings Highway and East 40th Street, Brooklyn 10, N. Y., had for sale at $1.75 each about 100 copies of a booklet entitled "The First Church in Flatlands, 300th Anniversary".

Leon Conover presented a newspaper clipping, about 50 years old, from the Pleasantville, N. J. News, concerning "Conovertown" which the Secretary read to the Council. Just a little earlier, in response to a question, the Rev. Garrett M. Conover related some of the early and most interesting history of the founding of our Association.

Certificates of Membership. There then followed a discussion regarding new membership certificates, of which Herbert T. Conover furnished a half dozen samples for inspection, and, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was resolved that authorization be made for the purchase of 500 certificates, delft blue border, for members who have joined since 1950, at which time Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom took over the genealogical records and work from Mrs. Edgar, as well as for members who joined prior to that time, at a nominal charge of 25¢, membership to be indicated as ancestral or associate and each certificate to bear the member's number. Certificates are to be sent by mail in proper-sized envelopes containing a cardboard stiffener.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

DOROTHY WHITTIER SIFTON, Secretary Pro-tem

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326th Anniversary and 60th Annual Reunion

of the

VAN KOUWENHOVEN - CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.

held at the

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN and CHRIST CHURCHES, SHREWSBURY, N. J.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1956

The 60th Annual Reunion of the Family in two historic churches at Shrewsbury, N. J., was delightful throughout, with the weather at its best. Attendance of 140 members and guests included a gratifying number of youngsters who added verve to the family party.

The Morning Session. The morning session was held in the First Presbyterian Church with invocation by the pastor, Rev. Arthur S. Joice, who gave an interesting summary of the church's early history. The president, Louis W. Conover, welcomed particularly Jackson Conover of Rumson, and Rev. Garrett M. Conover of High Bridge, two of the five life members of the Association, both over 90 years of age, alert and active. He mentioned, too, that a third life member, Harry B. Conover, was amply represented by two daughters and a son — Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Mrs. Elmer L. Cunard and Walter W. Conover. Extracts from letters of especial interest from Mrs. Jacob B. Rue, Mrs. Lillian Heywood and Rev. Earle Conover were read with appropriate comments. To our great pleasure, Mrs. Myrtle A. Briggs came all the way from Omaha to join us and was heartily welcomed.

In paying warm and deserved tribute to officers and trustees, the president reminded members that the work done on behalf of the Association entails far more effort and time than the majority of members would assume; that the genealogist, treasurer, secretary and editor of the Bulletin have other demanding daily obligations; and therefore occasional delays in correspondence, etc., are inevitable or pardonable. Emphatic praise was bestowed upon the Chairman of the Reunion Committee, Donald V. N. Conover, and upon Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley, for long and sustained effort and care in securing the site and in planning and preparing for all phases of the annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report. In the absence of the Treasurer, Miss Mida C. Blake, who was abroad as participant in the All-American Chorus Concert Tour of Europe, the President presented her report of June 18, 1956 as follows:

Balance on hand April 28, 1956		$516.77
Receipts: From sale of supplies	$13.00	
From dues	86.00	
		99.00
		$615.77
Disbursements:		
Printing, postage, supplies	$20.97	
Reunion notices	63.15	
Membership certificates	40.50	
Dr. R. T. Scully cemetery marker	25.00	
Genealogist and Membership postage	7.76	
		157.38
Balance on hand June 18, 1956		$458.39

Election of Officers and Trustees. The Nominating Committee's slate of officers for two years and of trustees for the periods indicated below, was approved by unanimous vote of members present, as follows:

President — Louis W. Conover
1st Vice President — Leon Conover
2nd Vice President — Arthur B. Kouwenhoven
Treasurer — Miss Mida C. Blake
Secretary — Walter H. Kitchel
Genealogist and Membership Chairman — Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Historian — Mrs. Allen L. Lamb
Agent for Supplies — Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
Editor of Bulletin — Herbert T. Conover
Trustees, term ending 1958 — Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley
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Mrs. Frank J. Maps
George W. Conover
Walter W. Conover

The President acknowledged the honor of being elected for a second two-year term and warmly thanked members for having also elected officers and trustees with whom he was proud to serve, assured of heading an able, cooperative, active group eager to foster the Family's growth in membership and influence.

The President stated that Mrs. Frank J. Maps had asked to be relieved of the duties of Historian because of illness, and Mrs. Allen L. Lamb had agreed to serve in that post. Fortunately, the experience and counsel of Mrs. Maps as Trustee will be available to the Executive Council.

The President expressed the regret of all his colleagues at the inability of Mrs. Sifton to accept another term as Secretary, and therefore, Walter H. Kitchel's willingness to assume the duties of Secretary is fortunate for the Association. Associated with an international firm of accountants and familiar with correct procedure, deeply interested in the Association, our new Secretary is amply qualified.

Afternoon Session. After time out for a social hour and an excellent chicken dinner in Christ Church Parish House, the afternoon session began at 2:00 p.m.

The minutes of the Executive Council meeting of April 28, 1956 were read by the Secretary, Mrs. D. W. Sifton, and unanimously approved.

in Christ Church. A fascinating resume of the church's history was given by the Rector, Rev. Theodore A. A. LeVan. Miss Lorraine Conover's singing delighted everyone and the whole program for the afternoon, as attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, was followed most satisfactorily. The illustrated address by Edward H. Feltus, III, enabled us to fight the Battle of Monmouth all over again with General Washington in command. Among the historic homes shown on the screen was one erected in Holmdel by a member of the Family, about 1696-1700, which has always seemed to your President to be a most lovely and gracious home. He was therefore very happy to discover that among those present at the reunion was Wilson Conover, who had been born in that ancestral house and had relinquished it only 15 years ago. Wilson promised to apply for membership forthwith. Near the property is a Conover-Schenck cemetery, one of the very oldest, in a shocking condition from neglect, abuse and vandalism. The preservation of such memorials must be a major objective of the Association, now that dues ($2.00 per annum) will enable the Association to make a sustained effort to enlist, if practicable, the help of State and County authorities in protecting and maintaining significant historic burial plots which are now neglected and even desecrated.

The lovely village of Shrewsbury, the spot chosen for our reunion, was the most notable of all. The weather, our hosts representing the churches, the program and the genial fellowship of Van Kouwenhovens-Conovers and their guests, all contributed to make the annual meeting outstandingly successful. We hope to enjoy an even better one next year.

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Recent Events in the Family Circle

BIRTHS

James Robert Conover, born February 29, 1956 in Atlantic City Hospital to John and Lois Conover of 26 Northfield Avenue, Northfield, N. J.

Mark Adams Conover, born April 8, 1956 in Atlantic City Hospital to Dr. John and Nancy Conover of 124 North New Jersey Avenue, Absecon, N. J.

Mark Christian Conover, born October 13, 1955 to Mr. and Mrs. Brevoort Conover of Copper Hill, N. J.

Brian Charles Hamilton, born January 4, 1956 to First Lieut and Mrs. Charles L. Hamilton of Rolla, Missouri. Mr. Hamilton is a son of the late Walter L. Hamilton and **Jeanne A. Conover,** daughter of the late Charles E. Conover, a former president of this Association.

Debbie Lynn and Donna Sue Mahnke, twin daughters, born August 15, 1955 to Mr. and Mrs. Duage Mahnke of Albert City, Iowa at the Buena Vista Hospital, Storm Lake, Iowa. The mother is the former **Joan Conover,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Conover, of Pleasantville, N. J.

Linda Susan Naglee, born September, 1955 to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Naglee, III, of Collingswood, N. J. Mrs. Naglee is the former **Irma Conover,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Conover of 616 Pitney Road, Absecon, N. J.

Karen Sue Russ, born January 30, 1955 to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell B. Russ of Oxford Road, Colonia, N. J.

Laoma Doris Tarr, born November 10, 1955 in Shore Memorial Hospital to Rev. and Mrs. William R. Tarr of Dorothy, N. J. Mrs. Tarr is the former **Laoma Conover** of Pleasantville, N. J.

MARRIAGES

Doris Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Conover of rural Califon, N. J., and Michael Badlowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Badlowski of Hampton, N. J., were married June 30, 1956 in St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, Hampton, N. J., the Rev. Romanovach officiating. The bride is a graduate of High Bridge, N. J. High School and is employed with the Washington Mfg. Co. in Washington, N. J. Her husband is a graduate of Hampton High School, and served two years in the U. S. Army Signal Corps. He is now employed by Taylor-Wharton Iron & Steel Corp., in High Bridge, N. J.

Elaine Judith Conover, daughter of Mrs. Beatrice Conover and the late Clarence F. Conover of Conovertown, and Robert A. Abrahamson, son of Mrs. Henry Carlson of 321 Caspian Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J., were married January 21, 1956 in Bayview Methodist Church of Conovertown by the Rev. P. Richmond Comer, former pastor of Absecon Methodist Church, now of Trinity Methodist Church of Millville, N. J., assisted by Rev. John McKechnie. pastor of the Bayview Methodist Church.

The bride is a graduate of Glassboro State Teachers College, Class of '54, and is a classroom teacher in the Galloway Township school system, teaching second grade in the Oceanville school. Mr. Abrahamson, a graduate of Trade School, is employed by Ray Wells, contractor. They will reside at their new home at 110 Pennsylvania Avenue, Seaview Park, N. J.

Frances Marie Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Conover of 35 Union Street, Dover, N. J., and Clarence Richard Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Henderson of Kenvil Avenue, Kenvil, N. J., were married September 3, 1955 in St. Mary's Church, Dover, N. J. by Father Boland.

The bride is a graduate of Dover High School and is employed by the New Jersey State Board of Health, and her husband, a graduate of Roxbury High School, is employed at Greystone Park. The couple will reside at 33 Union Street, Dover, N. J.

Joane Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Conover of 633 Scotch Plains Avenue, Westfield, N. J., and David Skammer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Skammer of Kingston, Pa., were married June 23, 1956 in Holy Trinity Church, Westfield, N. J., by the Rev. Francis Houghton.

The bride was graduated from Westfield High School and Trenton State Teachers College. She is a member of the faculty of Carson School, Pennsauken. Mr. Skammer was graduated from Kingston schools and Bloomsburg State Teachers College, Pa. He is a teacher in Lower Camden County High School in Lindenwald. The couple will reside in Haddon Heights.

Martha Jane Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Conover of Green Creek, N. J., and Charles Richardson, son of Mrs. Ann Richardson of Avalon, N. J., were married July 21, 1956 in the Methodist Church, Cape May Court House, N. J., by Rev. Albert V. Lang, pastor of the church.

The bride is a graduate of Middle Township High School, class of 1956, where she was Snow Ball Queen last year and Prom Queen this year. She was 1955 County Vegetable Queen. She is employed at the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. in Wildwood, N. J. Mr. Richardson is a 1954 graduate of Middle Township High School. He is serving with the Navy in Maryland and expects to be transferred to Oceana, Virginia, in September.

Norman Henry Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Conover of Liberty Street, Union, N. J., and Emma Lorraine Hand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Hand of 48 River Road, Chatham, N. J., were married May 26, 1956 in the Chatham Methodist Church by the Rev. Rodda. Mrs. Conover is a graduate of Chatham High School and is associated with Chubb & Sons in Summit, N. J. Her husband is with Wuetrick Co., builders, in Union, N. J.

Robert David Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Conover, Sr. of Larison Road, Chester, N. J., and Ruth Elizabeth Prugh, daughter of Mrs. Walter J. Apostolik of Sunset Terrace, Mt. Arlington, N. J. and the late Ralph Bayard Prugh, were married July 8, 1956 in St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Mt. Arlington, N. J. Rev. Robert H. Maitland, Jr., vicar of St. Peter's, and Rev. Robert B. McKay of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Lake Lackawanna, performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Conover was graduated from William Smith College, Geneva, N. Y., and is on the faculty of Chester Township School. Her husband, an alumnus of Rutgers University, served in the Navy during World War II and is self-employed.

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DEATHS

Alfred Conover, 82 years of age, died January 8, 1956 in a Philadelphia hospital. He was an oysterman all his life and was born in Atlantic City in 1873. He is survived by three nieces, Mrs. Mabel Meighan, Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer of Atlantic City, N. J., and Mrs. Mary Lodovico of Pleasantville, N. J.; five nephews, Walter Tuthill, George and William Conover of Pleasantville, and William and Harry Conover of Atlantic City, and an aunt, Mrs. Rose Welsh of Atlantic City.

Bertha Stryker Conover, 73 years of age, wife of the Rev. Garrett M. Conover, a retired minister of the Reformed Church, died November 20, 1955 at her home in East High Bridge, N. J. Born in New York City, she was the daughter of the late Rev. Peter Stryker and the late Emily Hanaway Stryker.

Mrs. Conover and her husband moved to High Bridge 23 years ago from Asbury Park, N. J., where Rev. Conover was for many years pastor of the Reformed Church.

Long active in church work, Mrs. Conover was a member of the High Bridge Reformed Church and its Missionary Society. She was president of the High Bridge WCTU at the time of her death; also she had served for many years as secretary of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three step-children, G. Elliott Conover of Verona, N. J.; Rev. Earle V. A. Conover of Omaha, Nebraska, and Mrs. Jessamine E. Van Kampen of Wyckoff, N. J., and two nieces. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J.

Clara Kerwin Conover, 73 years of age, widow of William W. Conover, died April 11, 1956 at her home, 25 Mechanic Street, Freehold, N. J. She was born in Freehold, the daughter of the late William and Margaret Jordan Kerwin. She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Stella R. Smock, with whom she lived; Mrs. Edward Hyer of Long Branch, N. J., and Mrs. George Morris of New York City; two brothers, James Kerwin of Freehold and Robert Kerwin of Dunellen, N. J. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Freehold.

Clara Probasco Conover, 80 years of age, died October 20, 1955 in a nursing home at Neptune, N. J. She was the widow of Edward Conover, and was born April 25, 1875, a daughter of the late Joseph and Selinda Hice Probasco. She had lived more than 40 years in the Quakertown vicinity but in more recent years made her home in New Canaan, Conn. Mr. Conover died four years ago in New Canaan, after which Mrs. Conover made her home there with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Rogers. The only survivors are her daughter and a granddaughter. Interment was in Locust Grove Cemetery, Quakertown, N. J.

Emma Lane Conover, 79 years of age, widow of the late John R. Conover, died June 4, 1956 in the Carpenter Nursing Home in Clinton, N. J. She was born at Oldwick, N. J., June 26, 1876, a daughter of the late Peter and Emma J. Rinehart Lane and had lived in Round Valley for the past 58 years. Her husband died in 1948. She was a member of the Lebanon Reformed Church, the Ladies' Home Circle and Missionary Society.

Surviving are two sons, Chester J. of Round Valley and Howard L. Conover of High Bridge, N. J. Also three grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Felmly of Somerville, N. J. and Miss Catherine Lane of Oldwick, and one brother, Leroy Lane of Oldwick. Interment was in Union Cemetery adjoining the Lebanon Methodist Church in Lebanon, N. J.

Henrietta W. Conover, 25 Schanck Street, Freehold, N. J., died January 11, 1956 at Riverview Hospital, Red Bank, N. J. She is survived by her husband, J. Hallam Conover; one daughter, Mrs. E. Jackson Batchelar, Point Pleasant, N. J.; one son, Peter W. Conover of Nellis Airport Base, Las Vegas, Nevada, and two sisters, Mrs. Leonard B. Williams, Freehold, N. J. and Mrs. Charles Bussum, Atlanta, Georgia. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Freehold, N. J.

Horace V. Conover, 89 years of age, formerly of Lakewood, N. J., died March 25, 1956 at 114 Lake Avenue, Ocean Grove, N. J. After leaving Lakewood, he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Jack Reynolds, 401 Victor Place, Neptune, N. J., until recently. He was born in Howell Township, the son of the late David H. and Sarah Goodenough Conover. He was a charter member of the Foresters of America of Lakewood. Surviving besides Mrs. Reynolds is another daughter, Mrs. Frank Weaver of Lakewood; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Hulsart of Farmingdale, N. J. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Farmingdale.

Jessie Cresse Conover, 83 years of age, died October 27, 1955 at the Methodist Home, 70 Stockton Avenue, Ocean Grove, N. J. She was the wife of the late Benjamin D. Conover and was born in Portland, Oregon. A Newark, N. J. resident for a number of years, she was a member of the Roseville Methodist Church of Newark.

She leaves a son, Dr. Irving L. Conover of Afton, N. Y.; a daughter, Mrs. James Wysong of Glendale, Cal.; two grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Ethel Griffin of Roselle, N. J. Interment was in Neshanic Cemetery, Neshanic, N. J.

Sara A. Conover, wife of the late Nicholas Conover, died January 5, 1956 in Camden County General Hospital, Lakeland, N. J. Interment was in Pleasant Mills Cemetery, Pleasant Mills, N. J.

Vardell Conover of 122 Willowdale Avenue, Montclair, N. J., died March 18, 1956. A sister, Mrs. Ethel Wright, and a brother, Edwin Conover, survive her. Interment was in Glendale Cemetery.

William Gillespie Conover, 85 years of age, died August 14, 1955 at his home, 451 Oriole Street, Roxborough, Philadelphia, Pa. He was a son of the late Joseph and Maria Louise Gillespie Conover of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Conover held many offices of honor and distinction within the laundry industry. He served as president of the Philadelphia Laundryowners Exchange and was president for more than 25 years of the Philadelphia Laundryowners Association. He served two terms as president of the American Institute of Laundering in 1926-1928 when the Association was known as the Laundryowners National Association. He served on AIL's Board of Directors during the following years: 1921 to 1928; 1933 to 1936, and 1938 to 1942. He owned the Pilgrim Laundry in Philadelphia, from which he retired in 1945.

In the early 1930's, Mr. Conover proposed a plan to establish a Textile Testing Laboratory. He called the program "Integrity in Textiles, Incorporated". Although the program was unsuccessful at the time, the basic idea is the foundation of AIL's current Certified Washable Seal program.

Mr. Conover was a member of the Pennsylvania Society of Founders and Patriots of America, the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, Inc.

Surviving are his wife, Marie Louise Reinhardt Conover; a son and a daughter by a former marriage, William G. Conover, Jr. of Bound Brook, N. J. and Mrs. Charles Harlan of Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Interment was in Philadelphia.

Ella Keach Crownover, died December 21, 1954 at Syracuse, Nebraska. She was the widow of the late William E. Crownover, a direct descendant of Robert Covenhoven, the Revolutionary War scout and soldier. Four children and eight grandchildren survive her.

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SATURDAY, JUNE THE TWENTY-THIRD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX
CHRIST CHURCH and FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SHREWSBURY, N. J.

Program

Morning Session

BUSINESS MEETING—11:00 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL - - - Congregation

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain.
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That seems beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears.
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

INVOCATION - - Rev. Arthur S. Joice, Shrewsbury, N. J.
Pastor of First Presbyterian Church

WELCOME - - - Mr. Louis W. Conover, Princeton, N. J.
President of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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DINNER—12:30 p.m. in the Christ Church Parish House

Afternoon Session

2:00 p.m. in Christ Church

ORGAN PRELUDE Mr. Donald V. N. Conover, Somerville, N. J.

INVOCATION Rev. Garrett M. Conover, D.D., High Bridge, N. J.

WELCOME - Rev. Theodore E. A. LeVan, Shrewsbury, N. J.
Pastor of Christ Church

VOCAL SELECTIONS - Miss Lorraine Conover, Plainfield, N. J.

ILLUSTRATED ADDRESS - - Mr. Edward H. Feltus, 3rd
Director of the Monmouth County
Historical Association, Freehold, N. J.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS (See back page)
Conducted by Mrs. Walter Conover, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS
Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom, Atlantic City, N. J.
Chairman of Membership and Genealogical Committees

HYMN—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" - - - Congregation

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

BENEDICTION - - Rev. Theodore E. A. LeVan

Memorial Service

(People standing)

MINISTER: There be some who have left a name behind them through whom the Lord hath wrought gloriously.

PEOPLE: There be some who have left a name behind them and whose remembrance is sweet.

MINISTER: And there be some who have no visible memorial.

PEOPLE: But their righteousness has not been forgotten. And their good works cannot be blotted out.

MINISTER: The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will show forth their praise.

PEOPLE: For the memorial of virtue is immortal, because it is known both to God and to men.

MINISTER: When it is present men take example of it. and when it is gone they earnestly desire it.

PEOPLE: The righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance, and the memory of the just shall be blessed.

MINISTER: Love the Lord thy God, and obey His Voice, for He is thy light and the strength of thy days.

ALL: And in the time to come, your children shall rise up after you and call you blessed, and the stranger that shall come from afar will join them saying surely the Lord is in this place. He maintaineth my lot. Yea, I have a goodly heritage.

Minister reads the names of deceased members—

MRS. EDWARD J. CREASEY, Princeton, N. J.. July 23. 1955
MR. WILLIAM G. CONOVER, Philadelphia, Pa., August 14, 1955
MRS. GARRETT M. CONOVER, High Bridge, N J. Nov. 20, 1955
MR. JOHN H. GRAY, Camden, N. J., June 14, 1956

James D. Huff, 80 years of age, died July 2, 1956 at his home in Neshanic, N. J. Mr. Huff, who was unmarried, was born at Centerville, Hunterdon County, N. J., March 2, 1876, the son of the late John V. and **Mary Conover Huff.** A life-long resident of the Neshanic area, he was a farmer. He is survived by two sisters and three brothers all, of Neshanic: Mrs. Jeanette May and Mrs. Anna Griscom; Edwin W., John V. and Henry C. Huff. Interment was in Neshanic Cemetery.

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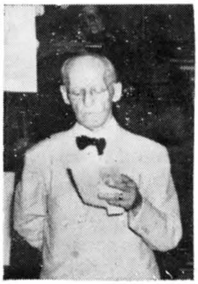
Conographs

Another Conover Reaches Ninety



Rev. Garrett M. Conover, D.D., retired Dutch Reformed Church minister of East Main Street, High Bridge, N. J., reached his ninetieth birthday March 29, 1956. He is one of the founders of this Association, a very active member continuously now being Honorary President.

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Receives Netherlands Award

John A. Kouwenhoven of Donellan Road, author of "The Columbia Historical Portrait of New York", has been awarded the Officer's Cross of the Order of Orange Nassau by Queen Juliana commending him for his portrayal of the founding of New Amsterdam and the part played by the Dutch in the discovery and settling of the New World.

The Netherlands Consul General presented the award to Mr. Kouwenhoven at ceremonies on October 5. The Scarsdale man is a direct descendant of Wolphert Gerritson van Couwenhoven of Holland, who established the first community on Long Island in 1625, where the family still lives. — *(The Scarsdale, N. Y. Inquirer, Oct. 8, 1954)*

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Identifies Rattler as Harmless Milk Snake

Toms River — That snake identified yesterday as a rattler turned out to be an imposter. It's a milk snake, common in these parts.

Harlan G. Conover, a local commercial photographer who has spent many years tracking down snakes, said he saw the picture story in yesterday's Asbury Park Press which told of a "rattlesnake" being found in the Wanamassa section of Ocean Township last Friday.

The Press showed a 19-year-old youth holding the snake by the tail. Mr. Conover said only experts would take such a chance of being bitten. And, he said, he thought he detected markings under the snake's tail which disproved it was a rattler.

The snake had been turned over to the Long Branch Pet Shop where it was identified as a rattler by the Press nature columnist, George M. Seeley.

Mr. Conover said he could not be positive of the identification by the picture. So he went to Long Branch to take a closer look. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hornbostel, Sr., gave him the snake after he identified it as a milk snake and calmly picked it up.

He brought it back to his studio where he keeps a fierce-looking timber rattler caged for photography purposes. The two snakes, viewed by a Press reporter, were totally different.

Mr. Conover said the milk snake is the northern variety, officially listed as an ophibolus doliatus triangulus, and also referred to as a checker adder or house snake. It is related to the king snake.

He said they are called milk snakes, not because they drink milk, but because they are often found around dairy barns where they search for rodents.

In the Press story yesterday, he said, it was stated the snake rattled. He said there are no rattles on the snake, but that all snakes shake their tails when they are excited. He said the error about the rattles probably occurred when the milk snake shook its tail on paper.

Mr. Conover at one time operated a reptile farm and hunted through New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Virginia for snakes to sell for skins, exhibitions, or private collections. He said he will keep the milk snake for photography purposes. —*(Asbury Park, N. J. Press, Oct. 12, 1955)*

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Get Elected to Offices

Forrest Conover was elected a Republican member of the Somers Point, N. J. Town Council in the November 8, 1955 election.

Clarence C. Blazure was elected as member of the Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County, N. J. Committee in the November 8, 1955 election.

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Gets Masonic Scroll

At the annual meeting of Olive Branch Lodge No. 16, Free and Accepted Masons, **Andrew J. Conover**, Past Master, was presented with the following scroll by Past District Deputy Grand Master Stephen H. McDermott:

"Olive Branch Lodge No. 16, F. & A. M., Freehold, N. J., 1922 to 1954, to Andrew J. Conover, P.M.

"In loving recognition of 33 years of faithful service as treasurer, during which time he has earned the respect and affection of his brethren.

"Much more might be said. Nothing more would be added. Henry A. Koenig, W.M.; F. Marvin Stokes, P.D.D. G.M., secretary."

Mr. Conover stated that he learned the scroll was composed by Mr. McDermott; he added that he had not been very active in the organization since his last hospital sojourn but had continued the work upon request.

He is a life member of Valley of Trenton, N.J.A.A. Scottish Rite; 32nd Degree Mason; life member of Crescent Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. of Trenton. —*(Freehold, N. J. Transcript, Dec. 22, 1955)*

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Takes Part in Big Navy Exercise

A major amphibious exercise involving 25,000 Marines, 20 000 Navy personnel, 300 aircraft and 125 ships, was completed November 18 on the California coast. Among those who took part in the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif., was Marine Cpl. **Raymond W. Conover**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Conover of 616 Pitney Road, Absecon, New Jersey. — *(Pleasantville, N. J. Press, Dec. 1, 1955)*

VK

Gets Commendation Seal

Petersborough, N. H. — **Conover's Hightstown Guernsey Dairy** of Hightstown, has been honored by a national consumer magazine.

Conover's Hightstown Golden Guernsey Milk has been awarded Parents' Magazine's Commendation Seal, according to Golden Guernsey, Inc.

The Parents' Commendation Seal was awarded only after the magazine's consumer service bureau thoroughly investigated the national Golden Guernsey program, including the operations of both producers and distributors. — *(Freehold, N. J. Transcript, Dec. 29, 1955)*

Commended on Retiremen

Atlantic City Post Office employees paid tribute to **Edgar A. Conover** of Absecon, retired foreman in the mailing section, last night at a meeting named in his honor.

A highlight of the program at Town Tavern was the presentation to Conover of a certificate of commendation for devotion to duty from Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield. It was the first such commendation ever given an employee of the resort post office.

The presentation was made by Postmaster Frank Fertig. George D. Yhomas, president of Local 935, National Federation of Post Office Clerks, was toastmaster. The local, of which Conover was a charter member, sponsored the affair.

Conover, who retired December 1 after 44 years in the postal service, was also presented a traveling bag and U. S. Savings Bond from fellow workers.

He told the gathering he plans to devote his time to his hobbies of fishing, hunting and outdoor activities.

Conover began working summers in the Post Office in 1911 while attending Peddie School and joined the department full time in 1913 in the mailing division and superintendent of mails office at Pennsylvania and Pacific Avenues.

He transferred to the Chelsea Station on North Arkansas Avenue in 1927 as clerk in charge of outgoing parcel post and remained there until 1937 when the station was closed.

Conover was in the mailing division at the new post office for practically the remainder of his service, although he served a few months in charge of the box section. He was a foreman at the time of his retirement.

Some 75 postal workers attended. A buffet luncheon was served.—*(Atlantic City, N. J. Press, Jan. 22, 1956)*

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Accepts Local Call

The Rev. William Conover has accepted a call to serve as pastor of the Linwood Community Church. An ordained Baptist minister, he has been serving as assistant pastor of the Baptist Church in Pemberton.—*(Pleasantville, N. J. Press, Feb. 23, 1956)*

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Finishes Military Service

Peter W. Conover, son of J. Hallam Conover of Schanck Street, Freehold, N. J., has been discharged from the U. S. Air Force and has returned home.

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"Mr. Deal" Resigning at Shore

Deal announced today the resignation of **Clem Conover**, the oldest borough clerk in terms of service in Monmouth County.

The 73-year-old official will have completed 41 years and three months in the same position when his resignation takes effect March 31. He will also leave the post of superintendent of public works.

"This is like 'Mr. Deal' turning in his resignation," said Mayor Solomon Lautman. "Clem Conover has done more than any other person for Deal. He is highly responsible for the high standards of the community."

Conover took office as borough clerk on January 1, 1915, the same day that William Jeffreys, 71, assumed the same post in Ocean Township. Jeffreys retired last December 31.

He has been a member of the Board of Education for 27 years and at one time headed the borough fire department.

Last April, the Township Board ordered a street running from Ocean Avenue to the beach be named Clem Conover Road, in his honor.—*(Newark, N. J. Star-Ledger, Feb. 26, 1956)*

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Honored at Dinner

Miss Katherine Conover was guest of honor at a surprise dinner party Wednesday evening, April 18, at the Bloomfield Inn, Englishtown, given by the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Englishtown in appreciation of her many years and fine service in the bank. Miss Conover retired in December after about 29 years of service.

Miss Conover was presented a gold watch by the Board of Directors, with the inscription of the date she started her employment and the date she retired. The presentation was made by the president of the Board of Directors, Frank K. Arnold. She was also presented a handbag by her co-workers. This presentation was made by Samuel Cohen, local attorney.—*(Freehold, N. J. Transcript, April 26, 1956)*

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Elected a Director of Gas Company

Albert W. Conover, president of Equitable Gas Co., has been elected a director of American Window Glass Co.—*(N. Y. Herald-Tribune, April 26, 1956)*

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Made Prom Queen

Miss Martha Jane Conover of Green Creek, a member of the graduating class at Middle Township High School, Friday night was crowned Queen of the school's annual Junior-Senior Prom . . . Enthroned on a silver decorated platform, Miss Conover was presented with a floral neckpiece of white carnations and a spray of red roses as symbols of her reign . . . Miss Conover was the 1955 County Vegetable Queen for 1955. — *(Cape May County, N. J. Gazette, June 7, 1956)*

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Heads N.J. Press Association

G. Wallace Conover, editor of the Somerset Messenger-Gazette, Somerville, yesterday was elected president of the New Jersey Press Association at its 100th annual meeting at the Essex and Sussex Hotel, Spring Lake, N. J. — *(Newark, N. J. Sunday News, July 1, 1956)*

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Graduates from Yale

William Pyle Slover, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Slover, Sr., graduated from Yale University in June of 1956 and is now a medical student at Boston University Medical School. The senior Mr. Slover is Assistant Administrator at Bridgeport Hospital, Bridgeport, Conn.

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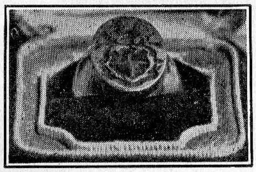

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Report of the Executive Council's Fall (1956) Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1956, AT PRINCETON INN
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

The meeting, attended by 13 Council members and 5 guests, was opened by President Louis W. Conover at 11:15 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Inn. Council members present were: Louis W. Conover, Leon Conover, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, Miss Mida C. Blake, Walter H. Kitchel, Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Mrs. Allan L. Lamb, Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Herbert T. Conover Clarence C. Blazure, Donald V. N. Conover, Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley and Walter W. Conover. Guests present were: Mrs. L. T. Blackwell, Mrs. Leon Conover, Mrs. Van Nest Conover, Mrs. Walter H. Kitchel and Allan L. Lamb.

The Secretary read the minutes of the 60th Annual Reunion held on June 23, 1957 and they were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, presented her report as of October 13, 1956, as follows:

Balance on hand June 18, 1956		$458.39
Dues received	$347.00	
Sale of Supplies	22.75	
Donation	3.00	372.75
		$831.14
Paid out: Speaker for Reunion	$ 25.00	
Donation to Church	25.00	
Printing and cost of supplies	129.15	
Service charge — bank	1.69	180.84
Balance on hand October 13, 1956		$650.30

Report of the Genealogist and Membership Chairman. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman, presented the following applications for membership:

Mrs. Thomas N. Ambrose, 7301 Plum Street, New Orleans 18, Louisiana
Mrs. Anna Stires Barrick, Byron, Illinois
Harry Neil Conover, 3 Norman Road, Route 97, Binghamton, N. Y.
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The President read a letter from Arthur B. Kouwenhoven regarding the desirability of establishing a reliable source of information concerning the family, particularly during its early years in America. Some discussion followed as to whether the family was established in this country in 1625 or 1630. The President requested Mrs. Rundstrom to prepare a pamphlet regarding the family suitable to be given to prospective members.

The 1957 Reunion. The President outlined preliminary plans regarding the 1957 Reunion and his proposal to hold the meeting at Rutgers University on Saturday, July 13, 1957, was approved by the Council. The President then appointed a Reunion Committee as follows: Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, Chairman; Donald V. N. Conover and Walter H. Kitchel. Mrs. Clarence Dawley was invited to serve on the Committee because of her splendid work in connection with the 1956 Reunion, but she explained that she could not do so as she would not be home during July when the meeting would be held. The President turned over correspondence from Messrs. J. L. Davis and Charles H. Stevens of Rutgers University to the Committee for its action.

Spring Council Meeting. It was decided that the Spring meeting of the Council would be held on Saturday, April 6, 1957, at Princeton Inn and the President said that he would confirm the date with the management of the Inn.

Projects. There was a discussion as to what projects the family might initiate in order to enlist the cooperative interest of its present and potential members. It was suggested that the condition of the Conover-Schenck Cemetery at Holmdel, N. J. be checked and the President delegated Mrs. Clarence Dawley to investigate this matter and to report her recommendations to the Council at its next meeting. The matter of presenting a commemorative plaque to the Flatlands Church was also discussed but no decision was reached.

Nominating Committee. The President appointed a Nominating Committee composed of Walter W. Conover, Chairman; Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom and Miss Mida C. Blake. The Committee is to present names of four members to serve as Trustees for three year terms commencing with the next Reunion, at which time the terms of G. Delbert Conover, Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Mrs. D. W. Sifton and Mrs. Robert T. Surtees expire.

List of Members. A current listing of the names and addresses of members was presented by the Treasurer. It was considered desirable to have copies prepared for distribution to all Council members and Walter W. Conover very kindly offered to have a supply prepared.

Family Pins and Buttons. Herbert T. Conover informed the Council that the Family Pins and Buttons, made with the new die, were now available and that they were not distinguishable from the old ones.

The Historian. Mrs. Allan L. Lamb requested that her duties be outlined. After some discussion it was agreed that the Historian should keep all material of interest to the Family other than that printed in the Family Bulletin. The

Historian will, however, maintain a file of the Family Bulletins. In order to expedite the printing of the Bulletin, any material likely to be acceptable should be forwarded to the Editor, Herbert T. Conover, who will either print it or forward it to the Historian.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 o'clock.

WALTER H. KITCHEL, Secretary

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Report of the Executive Council's Spring (1957) Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1957, AT PRINCETON INN
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

The meeting, attended by nine Council members and four guests, was opened (in the absence of the President, Louis W. Conover) by the 1st Vice President, Leon Conover, at 11:15 a.m. in the Gold Room at the Inn. Council members present were: Leon Conover, 1st Vice President; Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer; Walter H. Kitchel, Secretary; Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Membership and Genealogical Chairman; Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies; Herbert T. Conover, Editor of Family Bulletin; Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley, Walter W. Conover, and Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Trustees. Guests present were: Mrs. L. T. Blackwell, Mrs. Leon Conover, Mrs. Elmer L. Cunard and Mrs. Walter Kitchel.

The minutes of the Fall meeting of the Executive Council held October 13, 1956, were approved as read by the Secretary.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, presented her report as of April 6, 1957, as follows:

Balance on hand October 13, 1956		$650.30
Received		81.00
		$731.30
Paid out:		
Printing and supplies sold	$22.69	
Flowers — John C. Conover	12.00	34.69
Balance on hand April 6, 1957		$696.61

Membership and Genealogical Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman, presented the following applications for membership:

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Mrs. Oleen Dummer, Route No. 1, Burley, Idaho
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Nominating Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman, placed in nomination the names of Mrs. Robert A. Abrahamson, Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Mrs. Dorothy W. Sifton and Mrs. Carl F. Yeager for three year terms as trustees. Since there were no other nominations, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Council for their election.

Reunion Committee Report. In the absence of the Chairman, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, the report was read by the Secretary. Arrangements have been made for the Annual Reunion to be held at Rutgers University on July 13. Prof. Charles H. Stevens will welcome the Family on behalf of the University and Mr. C. E. Maass will be the principal speaker. It is planned to make a tour of the University which has a particular interest to the Family because of its Dutch origin. The Secretary also read the comments of Donald V. N. Conover, a member of the Committee, who was unable to be present at the meeting.

Report on the Condition of the Conover-Schenck Cemetery. Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley, who had been delegated by the President to make an investigation, reported that she had been accompanied on her trip by Capt. Willis C. Conover, and she gave a very interesting description of the condition of the cemetery. She concluded that it would be advisable to have our President personally contact the owner of the property to get permission to improve the condition of the cemetery.

Other Projects. The preparation of a list of names and addresses of members was again considered. A new listing appears in the July, 1956, Bulletin and it was decided that for general purposes such listings in the Bulletin at intervals of about five years would suffice, but that current listings should be made more often, in limited numbers, for use by the Council. Presentation of a Commemorative plaque to the Flatlands Church was again considered but it was decided to postpone action.

A **Publicity Committee.** The following members were appointed by the 1st Vice President to serve as a publicity committee for the 61st Annual Reunion: Donald V. N. Conover, George W. Conover, Herbert T. Conover, James F. Conover, Miss Priscilla E. Conover, Capt. Willis C. Conover, Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley, Mrs. George H. Eckhardt, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom and Walter H. Kitchel, Chairman.

A request by the President that, because of ill health, his resignation be accepted as of the date of the Annual Reunion, July 13, was discussed. It was agreed that no action should be taken until the Reunion meeting, at which time the matter could be taken up with the President in person.

An acknowledgment for flowers sent as an expression of sympathy was received from the family of John C. Conover.

It was suggested that Council members notify the Secretary, in writing and before meeting dates, as to any matters which they deemed desirable to bring before the Council.

Publicity Tract or Pamphlet. The 1st Vice President appointed Herbert T. Conover, Walter H. Kitchel and Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman, as a committee to prepare a tract or pamphlet suitable to be given to prospective members. A form proposed by Donald V. N. Conover for such a tract was turned over to the Committee for consideration.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee. The 1st Vice President appointed and assigned the preparing of the constitution and by-laws for printing in the Bulletin to Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley, Donald V. N. Conover and Walter H. Kitchel, Chairman.

A suggestion by Donald V. N. Conover that all Family correspondence should be on Family letterheads was approved and a supply will be made available to those requiring them.

Date for Mailing Bulletin. A number present stressed the importance of a definite and uniform date for mailing. The Treasurer stated she felt it would be better to delay the mailing until nearer the date of the Annual Reunion and show the meeting date on the back cover of the Bulletin. The Editor stated that the date of mailing has been subject to his convenience because his charges are far less than would be necessary if he had to complete the work at specified dates. In the latter case he would have to refuse work which presently pay him full rates.

The question of handling dues received by the Reunion Committee in connection with the receipt of reservations for the Annual Reunion was brought up. It was decided that it would not be practical to try to persuade members to remit dues only to the Treasurer although she would prefer the direct receipt dues.

Consideration of a date for the Fall meeting of the Executive Council was postponed until the Reunion meeting.

WALTER H. KITCHEL, Secretary

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327th Anniversary and 61st Annual Reunion

of the

VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.

held at

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1957

The morning session was held in the Lounge at Demarest Hall where the meeting was called to order by the President, Louis W. Conover, at 11:30 a.m., a half hour after the scheduled time because of early morning showers which delayed the arrival of some of the members.

The President introduced Prof. Charles H. Stevens, Director of the Summer Session, who welcomed the Family on behalf of the University.

The President then addressed the Family briefly. Three of the newly elected Trustees, Mrs. Robert A. Abrahamson, Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven and Mrs. Dorothy W. Sifton, were introduced; the fourth, Mrs. Carl K. Yeager, was not present. Regret was expressed that Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom was unable to attend the meeting owing to compelling reasons. Leon Conover, 1st Vice President, was introduced to the gathering and Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, 2nd Vice President and Chairman of the Reunion Committee, was thanked for his splendid work in connection with this Reunion. Reference was made to the collection of papers donated to Rutgers by Capt. Willis C. Conover, who was present at the meeting.

Minutes of the Spring meeting of the Executive Council held on April 6, 1957, were approved as read by the Secretary.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, made her report as follows:

Balance on hand April 6, 1957		$696.61
Dues received	$162.00	
Sale of Supplies	36.00	
Total		$894.61
Paid out:		
Bulletin — printing and postage	$278.49	
Notices and postage for Council Reunion meetings	68.74	
Postage — Treasurer and Chairman of the Genealogical and Membership Committees	19.44	
Cost of Supplies sold	18.77	
Extra dinner reservations at Princeton Inn	5.80	
Flowers — Memorial Day Service at Albert Covenhoven Monument	5.50	396.74
Balance on hand July 13, 1957		$497.87

Membership and Genealogical Committee Report. The Chairman, Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom being absent, her report was read by the President.

Kouwenhoven-Schenck Cemetery Committee Report. Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley, Chairman, has been assisting the President who reported on his activities in this connection and stated that he is hopeful the famed and very old cemetery can be restored by the Family.

Family Bulletin. The proposal that the Bulletin be issued about a month before the Annual Reunion date was approved. The back cover will contain information regarding each prospective Reunion.

The 1958 Reunion. Herbert T. Conover suggested that consideration be given to a location at which the 1958 Reunion might be held. Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley suggested Monmouth County so that the Family might view the Kouwenhoven-Schenck Cemetery at Holmdel. Mrs. Arthur B. Kouwenhoven suggested the Dutch Reformed Church in Flatlands, Kings Highway and East 40th Street, Brooklyn, would be an admirable place. The site of the plantation purchased by Wolfert Gerritse Van Kouwenhoven in 1636; the lovely old church with its memorials; the many historic treasures within convenient distance, etc., all combine to make the church a unique place for a true Family reunion at the old home. Moreover, our many Long Island cousins would probably attend in gratifying numbers.

The meeting closed at 12:15, the Family adjourning to the University Cafeteria where a very enjoyable dinner was served.

At 1:30 p.m. the Family met at the Library where there was an interesting display of Kouwenhoven-Conover papers donated to the University by Capt. Willis C. Conover. Dr. Donald Sinclair, Curator of Documents, addressed the Family at a meeting which was held in the New Jersey room at the Library. Mr. Sinclair's address was very interesting and his remarks were greatly appreciated.

At 3:00 p.m. the Family gathered in Van Dyck Hall at the Physics Building where Mr. C. E. Maass of the Defense Projects Division of Western Electric Company showed a fascinating moving picture in color of our government's activities at the "Dew Line" in the Arctic. He also showed some of his own pictures of the Eskimos and their dwelling places.

At 4:00 the Family met at Kirkpatrick Chapel where Nr. Donald Sinclair again presided. He gave a most informative talk about the Dutch origin of the University, and discussed the numerous portraits of University celebrities which hung from the walls of the Chapel.

WALTER H. KITCHEL, Secretary

Report of the Executive Council's Fall (1957) Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1957, AT PRINCETON INN
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

The meeting, attended by 15 Council members and 4 guests, was opened by President Louis W. Conover at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Inn. Council members present were: Louis W. Conover, President; Leon Conover, 1st Vice President; Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer; Walter H. Kitchel, Secretary; Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman of Membership and Genealogical Committees; Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies; Herbert T. Conover, Editor of Bulletin; Mrs. Robert A. Abrahamson, Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Mrs. Dorothy W. Sifton, Mrs. Carl F. Yaeger, Clarence C. Blazure, Donald V. N. Conover, Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley, Walter W. Conover and Mrs. Frank Maps, Trustees. The guests present were: Mrs. L. T. Blackwell, Mrs. Leon Conover, Mrs. Van Nest Conover and Mrs. Walter H. Kitchel.

The President referred to the death of Dr. Frederick Houk Law and informed the Council that Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, 2nd Vice President, had visited the family to express the sympathy of the Association. The following resolution was then adopted:

> In recognition of the long and untiring services of Dr. Frederick Houk Law in advancement of the interests of the Family, the Executive Council of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association at its Fall meeting in Princeton, New Jersey, on October 5, 1957, wishes to express its sense of personal loss in the death of Dr. Law, and its appreciation of his services as member and officer of the Association. He served on the Executive Council for many years and in 1951 became President. His keen interest in the Family was expressed in many ways, particularly in the informative articles and delightful poems which he wrote the Family.
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> Be it therefore resolved, that this expression of appreciation be spread upon the minutes of the meeting and that a copy be sent to the family of Dr. Law.

The President said that flowers had been sent on the occasion of the death of Jackson Conover, a life member of the Association. Herbert T. Conover informed the Council of the death of Mrs. Howard Slater, a former trustee and officer, and the President promised to write to her family.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on July 13, 1957 were approved as read by the Secretary.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer, Miss Mida C. Blake, reported as follows:

Balance on hand July 13, 1957		$497.87
Dues received		140.00
Total		$637.87
Paid out: Rutgers University	$50.00	
Flowers for Jackson Conover	10.00	
Envelopes for Treasurer	6.37	66.37
Balance on hand October 5, 1957		$571.50

Membership and Genealogical Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman, submitted the following applications for membership:

Mrs. William H. Burley, 235 Union Avenue, Hamburg, N. Y.
Mrs. Bruce W. Campbell, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, N. J.
Mrs. James S. Jeffers, RFD No. 1, Box 541B, Red Bank, N. J.
Mrs. Norman D. Jones, 240 Oakdale Boulevard, Kenmore, N. Y.
Clifford C. Conover, 18 Stoneleigh Avenue, Kenmore 23, N. Y.
Cloyd Brocker Conover, 189 Belmont Avenue, Kenmore 23, N. Y.
Ronald G. Conover (jr. member), 189 Belmont Avenue, Kenmore 23, N. Y.
Herbert G. Conover, 193 Belmont Avenue, Kenmore 23, N. Y.
Dr. Robert E. Scully, Box 563, Main Street, Finderne, N. J.
Wade H. Scully, Box 563, Main Street, Finderne, N. J.
Mrs. J. Maxwell Mills, 212 Wellington Road, Fairfax, Wilmington, Dela.
Willis H. Green, 121 West Prospect Street, Hopewell, N. J.
Mrs. Ernest Simpson, 28 Silver Spring Road, Short Hills, N. J.
H. Griscom, 28 Eastern Avenue, Somerville, N. J.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Conover, Sr., RFD No. 1, Morristown, N. J.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Conover, Jr., RFD No. 1, Morristown, N. J.
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Conover, East Main Street, Mendham, N. J.
Gilbert D. Donningan, 14 Ravine Rd., Highlands Woods, Wilmington 3, Dela.
Mrs. William Shaw, 221 Highbrook Avenue, Pelham, N. Y.
Zarel C. Spears, Bedford, N. Y.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Ely, 730 Park Avenue, Plainfield, N. J.
Mrs. David Farquhar, 126 West 11th Street, New York, N. Y.
Reginald P. Kelmard, Sr., 414 State Street, Portsmouth, N. H.
Mrs. Eleanor V. Dziombak, 4 Jersey Avenue, Menlo Park, N. J.
Clifford N. Conover, 270 Benjamin Avenue, Iselin, N. J.
Mrs. Edmund H. Smith, 192 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, N. J.
Mrs. George P. Hodges, Jr., 5331 Linda Drive, Torrance, California

Historian. Mrs. Allan L. Lamb, having resigned, the office is temporarily vacant. A discussion of the importance of the work of the Historian led to a decision by the President that in the future it would be expressly obligatory for Council members to collect items of interest to the Family and send them to the Historian for preservation. Clarence C. Blazure said that he felt that all members should be urged to cooperate; whereupon the President requested him to prepare a brief request to be brought to the attention of the membership, perhaps at the time the next Annual meeting is announced.

Kouwenhoven-Conover-Schenck Cemetery. This subject was discussed at some length. The President expressed regret that he had not been able to settle the matter satisfactorily. It seems likely that the necessary restoration work at the cemetery will cost about $200 and the Council felt that some assurances are necessary with regard to permanency before spending of that amount is authorized. The President requested Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley to further investigate the matter and report her findings at the next Council meeting. He made it clear that in any event a subsequent part of the cost would be borne by him and at least one other.

Tract Committee. It reported that its work had not been completed, but that it expected to have a draft prepared by the date of the Spring Council meeting.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee. A copy of the revised By-laws was submitted. A few minor changes were suggested and will be made so that the By-laws can again be considered at the next Council meeting.

Conover Genealogy. This subject was discussed, but the high cost of publishing presented a seemingly impossible obstacle to such a project at this time.

Reunion Committee. Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley, Walter H. Kitchel and Donald V. N. Conover, Chairman, were appointed. Saturday, June 28, 1958, was set as the date of the Reunion and the President made the necessary arrangements to have it held at the Princeton Inn, Princeton, N. J. Miss Mida C. Blake will give an illustrated lecture on her trips to Holland. The program will be shortened in order that ample time may be given to converse and get more fully acquainted.

Nominating Committee. Miss Mida C. Blake, Mrs. Dorothy W. Sifton and Walter W. Conover, Chairman, were appointed as this Committee. The Committee is to nominate four trustees and a slate of officers. The President expressed the feeling that, while it is very desirable to change the membership of the Board of Trustees from time to time, it is necessary to continue in service, for the next three years at least, those who have proved their willingness to work for the Family. With regard to nominations for officers, Herbert T. Conover said that he thought it advisable to nominate only members with a direct line of Kouwenhoven-Conover ancestry to the office of 2nd Vice President since that office was usually preparatory to the office of President, and the feeling at one time had been that the Presidents of the Association should bear the Kouwenhoven-Conover name. A vote was taken and the overwhelming consensus of the Council was contra to Herbert T. Conover.

The printing of an index for the Family Bulletins, numbers 1 to 20, was authorized.

The Spring Council meeting was set for Saturday, April 19, 1958, and the President arranged for it to be held at the Princeton Inn.

WALTER H. KITCHEL, Secretary

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Report of the Executive Council's Spring (1958) Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1958, AT PRINCETON INN
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

The meeting was called to order by the President at 11:00 a.m. There were in attendance 15 Council members: Louis W. Conover, President; Leon Conover, 1st Vice President; Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Membership and Genealogical Chairman; Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies; Herbert T. Conover, Editor of Family Bulletin; Clarence C. Blazure, Donald V. N. Conover, Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley, Walter W. Conover, Mrs. Frank Maps, Mrs. Robert A. Abrahamson, Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Mrs. David W. Sifton and Mrs. Carl F. Yaeger, Trustees. There were also seven guests present.

Walter H. Kitchel, Secretary, had unfortunately been taken ill early on the morning of the meeting, and Mrs. Dorothy W. Sifton, Secretary Pro Tem in 1955/6, acted as Secretary in his stead.

Herbert T. Conover reported to the meeting that the funeral services of Past President David H. Conover of Easton, Pa., were being held on this day and that flowers had been sent in the name of the Association.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, is still traveling abroad, but will return in time for the 62nd Annual Reunion on June 28, 1957. The report was read by the President as follows:

Balance on hand October 5, 1957		$571.50
Received: Dues	$265.00	
For back number Bulletin	3.00	268.00
		$839.50
Expenditures: Flowers	$35.00	
Postage	12.00	47.00
Balance on hand April 19, 1958		$792.50

Membership and Genealogical Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman, submitted the following applications for membership:

Mrs. Cora Ruth Conover Sheldon, 339 North Barren Street, Kenton, Ohio
Rev. Clarence B. Conover, 426 South Shore Road, Absecon, N. J.
Mrs. Van Nest Conover, 215 Grove Street, Somerville, N. J.

Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven was appointed to the office of Historian, which had been vacant due to the illness and resignation of Mrs. Allan L. Lamb.

Ring Die. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies, reported she has been corresponding with a Mr. Freeman, whose firm had informed her of the breakage of the die for the manufacture of the Conover rings. The cost of a new die was stated to be $40.00. After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, purchase of a new die was authorized.

Nominating Committee. Walter W. Conover, Chairman, presented the report, and upon motion duly made and seconded, was approved for submission to and action by the members at the business meeting to be held at 11:00 a.m. on June 28, 1958.

At 12:30 the President adjourned the meeting until its afternoon session at 2:00 p.m. Luncheon was served from 12:45 to 2:00 o'clock.

Reunion Committee Report. The first matter of business before the reconvened meeting was the report of Donald V. N. Conover, Chairman of the Reunion Committee, concerning its efforts in bringing to near completion plans for the 62nd Annual Reunion to be held at Princeton Inn on June 28th. The advance notice card will be mailed on or about May 8, 1958. The reservation card will go out with the covering letter on or about June 2nd. The charge for the luncheon will be $3.05 ($2.65 plus a 15% gratuity) per person, but it was agreed that the charge made to members and guests would be $3.00 per person and the Treasurer would pay the difference of five cents each. After discussion among the Council, the President arranged that Raymond F. Male, Mayor of the Borough of Princeton, would make the welcoming address at the Reunion.

After discussion, it was resolved that Donald V. N. Conover and Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven should draft and append a concluding paragraph, as proposed by Clarence C. Blazure, to the slightly revised covering letter requesting members to send in to the Historian, or to bring with them on June 28th, family memorabilia or objects of interest.

Covenhoven-Conover Cemetery. Mrs. Clarence Dawley reported she had conferred with Wilson N. Conover of Holmdel, regarding the history of the cemetery. She also consulted Andrew J. Conover, a lawyer, as to any references to the cemetery in the deed to the farm, and there were none. She also has had telephone conversation with Mr. Greenwall, owner of the farm, and is anticipating a meeting with him to clarify the situation.

Several pieces of unfinished business was taken up at this time. It was decided that the incoming President would take office commencing with the Annual Reunion in June. Further determination regarding the By-laws and Board of Trustees was deferred.

The matter of a commemorative marker for the Flatlands Church was, after discussion and motion duly made and seconded, deferred.

Walter H. Kitchel was instructed to send a publicity release to all members of the committee, comprising the same individuals as last year, for publication in various local papers concerning the 62nd Annual Reunion.

The 1959 Annual Reunion. After discussion, and by motion made by Clarence C. Blazure and seconded, the appointment of a 1959 Reunion Committee was deferred. Mrs. Dawley and Donald V. N. Conover presented for the Council's interim consideration such possible sites in 1959 as the Grand Avenue Reformed Church, Asbury Park, N. J. (where Rev. Garrett M. Conover was once pastor and where the ladies of the church would serve a luncheon); Old Tennent; Calvary Baptist Church, Hopewell; and Absecon Methodist Church. It was suggested that all officers and trustees should consider these locations and make other suggestions which could be of use to future Reunion Committees.

Arthur B. Kouwenhoven invited anyone interested to come and help decorate on Memorial Day the grave of Revolutionary War veteran Albert Covenhoven at Larison's Corners, N. J.

The Fall Executive Council Meeting. The President, after consultation with the General Manager of the Princeton Inn, following discussion by the Council members, set Saturday, October 11, 1958, at 11:00 a.m. as the Fall meeting date for the Council in Conference Room A, with luncheon to be served in the Dutch Room at $3.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

WALTER H. KITCHEL, Secretary

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Dedication Service of New Memorial Stone

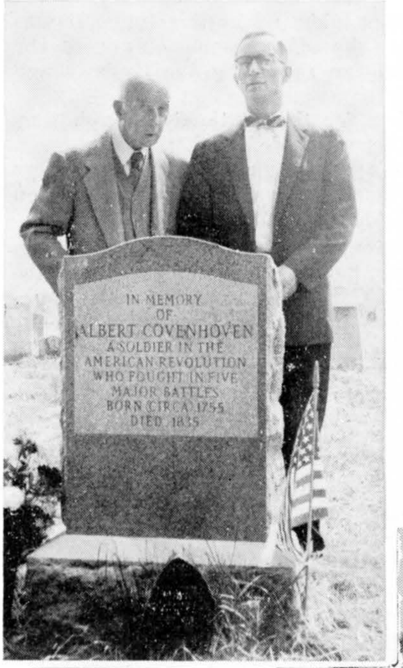
Held at the grave of Albert Covenhoven, Revolutionary Soldier in Larison's Corner Cemetery, near Ringoes, N. J.

May 30, 1957

The purpose of the meeting was to dedicate the memorial marker which had been placed at the grave of Albert Covenhoven by his great-grandson, Dr. Scully, who had raised the funds required for the purpose. The Association was among the contributors.

Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, 2nd Vice President, presided at the meeting which was held in the cemetery at the grave of Albert Covenhoven. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. at which time there was a minute of silent prayer.

Mr. Kouwenhoven then welcomed those present and expressed particular pleasure because of the presence of Dr. Scully and his brother, Wade H. Scully. Dr. Scully was then asked to address the gathering but he requested that he be excused because of his poor physical condition.


IN MEMORY
OF
ALBERT COVENHOVEN
A SOLDIER IN THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION
WHO FOUGHT IN FIVE
MAJOR BATTLES
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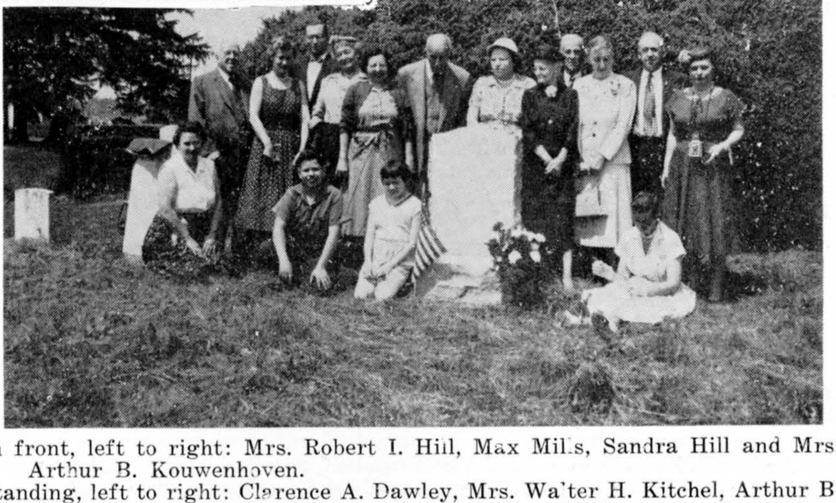
DIED 1835

GROUP AT
THE MEMORIAL SERVICE
(Left) Dr. Robert Scully and
Arthur B. Kouwenhoven
1st Vice President



In front, left to right: Mrs. Robert I. Hill, Max Mills, Sandra Hill and Mrs. Arthur B. Kouwenhoven.

Standing, left to right: Clarence A. Dawley, Mrs. Walter H. Kitchel, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley, Mrs. Willis Green, Dr. Robert Scully, Mrs. Caroline Green Vannoy, Mrs. LeRoy T. Blackwell, Wade Hampton Scully, Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Herbert T. Conover and Mrs. Helen Green Mills.

Present, but not in the picture: Robert I. Hill, Thomas Keith Hill and Walter H. Kitchel.

A basket of red, white and blue flowers was placed beside the memorial marker by the Vice President in the name of the Association. In recognition of Albert Covenhoven's services to his country, an American flag was placed beside the marker.

Walter H. Kitchel, Secretary, outlined the ancestry of Albert Covenhoven and gave some details regarding his life.

It is most appropriate that we should gather here today to honor one of our family who served his country. It was in 1868 that General A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued an order designating May 30th as the day on which the graves of soldiers should be decorated. The holiday was originally devoted to honoring the memory of those who fell in the Civil War, but it is now also dedicated to the memory of the dead of all wars. This Memorial Day will always hold a special significance to us because it is, I believe, the first time we have met as a family to hold a memorial service.

On April 28, 1956, Dr. Robert E. Scully, then 83 years old, accompanied by his brother, W. H. Scully, attended a meeting of the Family Executive Council at Princeton Inn. Dr. Scully informed the Council that in 1953 he and Mrs. Annie Walton Bunnell started a collection for the purpose of acquiring a suitable grave marker for his great grandfather, Albert Covenhoven. This beautiful memorial before us is witness to the fact that Dr. Scully has inherited that Dutch determination which insures the completion of any project started.

Since ours is an ancestral organization, as of course all families are, I believe it will be of interest to trace the ancestry of Albert down from Wolfert, our common ancestor. The line of descent was from Wolfert to Gerret, who was born in 1610, came to America with his father in 1630 and resided in Flatlands. Gerret married Altie, daughter of Cornelius Cool of Gowanus, and died about 1645. Their son, Willem, born in 1636, married in 1665, Jannetje, daughter of Pieter Monfoort. It is supposed that Willem moved to Monmouth County, New Jersey, in 1717; at any rate his son, Albert, of New Jersey, was born in 1676 and married in 1701, Neeltje Schenck. Their son, Gerret, was born in 1721 and married in 1742, Sarah Van Voorhees; and Albert Covenhoven was their son. Thus you see that Albert was the fifth generation to reside in this country, so that by the time of the Revolution the family had strong roots here and it is perhaps no wonder that so many of the family took part in the war for freedom.

Albert Covenhoven, in memory of whom we have gathered here today, was baptized on June 7, 1756 in the Freehold-Middletown Dutch Church. He saw extended service in the Revolutionary War, having participated in the Battles of Long Island, White Plains, Germantown and Monmouth. Real estate transactions show him to have been a resident of various places in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, among them Amwell and Sandbrook, near Flemington. On May 21, 1779, he married (first) Sarah Bonham; he married (second) Frances Golden, widow of Daniel Drake (as his wife she signed a deed with him on May 5, 1821); and on April 12, 1834 his marriage intentions to Elizabeth La Rue are recorded. Of his ten children, seven were by his first wife and three by his second. He died intestate on May 12, 1835. The inventory of his estate was taken on May 28, 1835 by William Sargent and John Phillips.

Far too often we forget what has been done for us by others, particularly by our parents and by the generations which preceded them. Memorial Day should have great meaning to everyone and particularly to such groups as ours. Membership in the Family Association is, in itself, proof that we are interested in our forefathers and that we do remember them and all that they did for us and our country. Albert Covenhoven is among the countless multitude which has passed on but which should and will live forever in the memories of their descendants who owe so much to them.

The children of Albert Covenhoven and his first wife, Sarah Bonham, were:

1. Gerret, born .... ; perhaps married Sarah Conover, a daughter of Cornelius and Neeltje (Monfoort) Conover.
2. Joseph, born .... ; perhaps married Rebecca Kool.
3. Abraham, born April 7, 1792; married Sarah Bodine and died March 28, 1881.
4. Sarah, born ....; married Samuel Shepherd.
5. Rachel, born ....; married (1st) Jerry Ten Eyck; and (2nd) David Bellis.
6. Catherine, born .... ; married John Serviss.
7. Anne, born .... ; married Oliver Kegler.

Children by his second wife, Frances Golden, were:

8. Esther, born .... ; married James Egge.
9. Lucretia, born December 3, 1807; married Andrew Robbins and died December 26, 1891.
10. Albert, born ....; married Sarah Robbins, August 10, 1833.

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Recent Events in the Family Circle

BIRTHS

Deana Lee and Shirley Lynn Conover, twins, born January, 1957, to Joseph and Alice Martin Conover, Jr. of Leeds Point, N. J.

Donna Marie Conover, born (with two front teeth) February 22, 1957 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conover of 111 9th Avenue, Pitman, N. J.

Dwight David Conover, born October 5, 1957 in Shore Memorial Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Conover, 3rd of 16 Hobart Ave., Absecon, N. J.

Frank Warner Conover, born August 9, 1957 at Perth Amboy General Hospital, to Leon B. and Edna Conover of 24 Union Ave., Freehold, N. J.

Michael Albert Conover, born August 9, 1957 at Fitkin Hospital, Neptune, N. J., to J. Ellard and Marion Conover of 12 Third Street, Freehold, N. J.

Nancy Lee Conover, born October 28, 1956 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Conover of Green Creek, N. J.

Robert Edward Conover, born January 20, 1957, in Shore Memorial Hospital, to Robert and Helen Conover of 16 Braddocks Drive, Somers Point, N. J.

William Roy Conover, born February 19, 1958 to Mr. and Mrs. George Conover, Jr. of Ringoes, N. J., in Princeton Hospital.

Natalie Anne Ambrose, born August 5, 1957 at the Anglo-American Hospital, Havana, Cuba, to Thomas N. and Anne Conover Ambrose of Havana, Cuba.

Robert Charles Barr, born December 8, 1956 to Chester and Helene M. Conover Barr of 103 Putting Green Avenue, Northfield, N. J.

Mary Elizabeth Batchelor, born August 13, 1957 at Fitkin Hospital, Neptune, N. J., to Edmund J. and Gretchen Conover Batchelor of 1136 Lockart Lane, Point Pleasant, N. J.

Louise Ann Craner, born December 1, 1957 to Joseph R. and Margaret Louis Conover Craner of North Wildwood, N. J.

Donna Marie Richardson, born February 14, 1957 at Norfolk, Va., General Hospital, to Charles E. and Martha Jane Conover Richardson.

Jeffrey Darrell Russ, born April 5, 1958 in Elizabeth (N. J.) General Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell B. Russ of Route 4, Box 150D, Colonia, N. J.

Pamela Joan Stephenson, born June 5, 1957 at Shore Memorial Hospital to Ralph E. and Lillian Conover Stephenson of Pinehurst, N. J.

Stephen Ross Tarr, born May 30, 1957 in Shore Memorial Hospital, to Rev. William R. and Laoma Conover Tarr of Estelle Manor, N. J.

Diane Louise Tozour, born October 10, 1957 to William H. and Dorothy Jane Conover Tozour of Avalon, N. J.

Steven John Tozour, born September 20, 1956 to William H. and Dorothy Jane Conover Tozour of Avalon, N. J.

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MARRIAGES

Audrey Beryl Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lloyd Conover of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Thomas Charles Poulter, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Poulter of Palo Alto, Calif., were married September 7, 1957 in Stanford Chapel, Palo Alto, Calif. The couple are residing in Dickerson Mine Road, Mine Hill, N. J.

Austin M. Conover, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin M. Conover, Sr. of Tainter Ave., Peapack-Gladstone, N. J., and Lillian Bell Wilkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Wilkinson of Bungalow Terrace, Millington, N. J., were married September 1, 1956 in the First Presbyterian Church, Stirling, N. J., by Rev. James M. Boyd, pastor.

The bride is a graduate of Bernards High School, Bernardsville, and is employed by Kemper Insurance, Summit, N. J. Mr. Conover also attended Bernards High School, and is employed by E. J. Fagan, Peapack-Gladstone plumber.

Barbara Conover, daughter of Mrs. Robert Parker, and Walter Nichols, son of Mrs. Martha Nichols of Atlantic City, were married January 27, 1957 in the First Methodist Church by the Rev. Thielking, assisted by Rev. Ebner.

Barbara Laura Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wallace Conover of Hightstown, N. J., and Robert Howard Butcher, son of Mrs. H. Earl Butcher of Cranbury, N. J. and the late Mr. Butcher, were married June 23, 1956 in the First Presbyterian Church of Hightstown, by the Rev. A. F. Swearingen of the Cranbury Presbyterian Church.

Miss Conover, a graduate of Hightstown High School, is a junior at Douglass College where she is an art major. The bridegroom, a graduate of the Hill School and Princeton University, class of 1956, recently became associated with the Progressive Farm Magazine.

Beverley Anne Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Conover of "Solitude", High Bridge, N. J., and Alan Dale Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coleman of Farley Avenue, Fanwood, N. J., were married October 13, 1956, in the High Bridge Methodist Church by Rev. Lyman H. Seamans, pastor.

The bride was graduated from High Bridge High School, class of 1954, and attended Churchman's Business College at Easton, Pa. She was until recently employed in the office of Welsh Farms Creamery at Long Valley, N. J. The bridegroom was graduated from Washington, N. J. High School, class of 1954, and is employed by the Borough of Fanwood, N. J. The couple will reside at 235 Forest Road, Fanwood, N. J.

Betty L. Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Conover of Stratford Place, and Arthur J. Sanders, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Sanders, Sr. of Westover Terrace, West Orange, N. J., were married November 3, 1956 at Disciples of Christ Church, East Orange, N. J., by the Rev. Loren Fischer, pastor.

Charles E. Conover, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Conover of 922 Pennsylvania Ave., Somers Point, N. J., and Etta Faye Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Johnson of Loudon, Tenn., were married September 28, 1957. Mr. Conover is presently employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Conover is employed by the Navy Department, also in Washington.

Donald C. Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Conover of Dover, N. J., and Miriam Ellen Reinert, daughter of Dr. Daniel Reinert of Nazareth, Pa. and the late Mrs. Reinert, were married February 24, 1957 in Bethlehem, Pa., by the Rev. Howard Ziegler.

The bride teaches art in Flemington-Raritan Elementary School. Mr. Conover is industrial representative of New Jersey Central Power & Light Co. of Keyport, N. J.

Donald L. Conover, son of Mrs. Paul L. Conover of 3611 S. West Temple, and Jessie Brandley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Brandley of 1050 Nocturne Drive (1050 West), were married September 22, 1956 at Elko, Nevada. The couple will make their home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dorothy Mae Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Conover of Robertsville, N. J., and Ronald Boyce, son of Mrs. John Russo of Old Bridge, N. J. and the late John Boyce, were married April 21, 1957 at the Robertsville Bible Protestant Church, Tennent-Morganville Road, by the Rev. Edwin P. Spencer, pastor.

Eleanor S. Conover, daughter of Mrs. James M. Conover of Darling Ave., Bloomfield, N. J. and the late Mr. Conover, and John P. Overstreet, son of Mrs. John Overstreet of Roanoke, Va. and the late Mr. Overstreet, were married October 12, 1956 in North Orange Baptist Church, Orange, N. J., by Rev. Dr. Shields T. Hardin, and Rev. J. Stanton Conover of Asylum Baptist Church, Hartford, Conn., brother of the bride.

Fred S. Conover, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Conover, Sr. of Englishtown, N. J., and Charlotte Anne Krog, daughter of Mrs. Sadie Krog of Scotch Plains, N. J. and the late Louis C. Krog, were married January 28, 1957 at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Plainfield, N. J., by the Rev. Harold Sandberg, pastor.

The bride is a graduate of Scotch Plains High School and is now in her last year at the Ann May School of Nursing, Fitkin Hospital, Neptune, N. J. Mr. Conover, a graduate of Jamesburg High School, is in his senior year at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., where he is a member of Phi Kappa Fraternity and is on the Dean's list.

Hubert Allen Conover of 10 Woodland Ave., Pleasantville, N. J., son of Mrs. Nellie H. Conover of Philadelphia, Pa., and Catherine Coyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Coyle of 114 Willard Ave., Pleasantville, N. J., were married October 20, 1956 in the rectory of St. Peter's R.C. Church by the Rev. Fr. Charles A. Long, pastor.

J. Hallam Conover of Schanck St., Freehold, N. J., and Mrs. Clara Hepburn Many, daughter of Mrs. William M. Hepburn of 15 Monument St., Freehold, N. J., were married June 7, 1957 at Old Tennent parsonage by Rev. Charles H. Neff, pastor of Old Tennent Church, Tennent, N. J.

Joane Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Conover of 633 Scotch Plains Avenue, Westfield, N. J., and David Skammer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Skammer of Kingston, Pa., were married June 23, 1956 in Holy Trinity Church, Westfield, N. J., by the Rev. Francis Houghton.

The bride was graduated from Westfield High School and Trenton State Teachers College. She is a member of the faculty of Carson School, Pennsauken. Mr. Skammer was graduated from Kingston Schools and Bloomsburg State Teachers College, Pa. He is a teacher in Camden County High School in Lindenwald.

June Ann Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Conover of 317

Hickory Street, Kearny, N. J., and Joseph Anthony Struzienski, son of Mrs. Stella Davidenko of 358 Schuyler Avenue, Kearny, N. J., were married June 1, 1957 in St. Stephen's Church by Rev. John Tracy, pastor.

Margaret Ann Conover, daughter of Mrs. Elmer G. Conover of 61 Bellvale Road, Mt. Lakes, N. J., and the late Elmer G. Conover, and Leonard Ralph Hiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hiser of Glenrock, Wyoming, were married December 28, 1957, in the Community Church, Mt. Lakes, by Dr. Loral W. Pancake, pastor.

The bride is a graduate of Oberlin College in Ohio and is presently with the Department of Public Welfare, Converse County, Wyoming. Her husband is studying at Casper College, Wyoming, and is a rancher and president of 4-H Council of Converse County, Wyoming.

Marjorie Jeanne Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Conover of Readington Road and Old Route 28, North Branch, N. J., and Robert Paul Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Smith of 30 Southside Avenue, were married August 18, 1956 in St. John's Episcopal Church by Rev. Hollis S. Smith, rector.

The bride attended Falls and Samuel Huntington schools, Norwich, Conn., and is a graduate of Somerville High School. She is employed by Unifilm Corp. Her husband also is a graduate of the borough high school and is employed at Johns-Manville Research Center, Finderne, N. J.

Martha Jane Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Conover of Green Creek, N. J., and Charles Richardson, son of Mrs. Anna Richardson of Avalon, N. J., were married July 21, 1956 in the Methodist Church, Cape May Court House, N. J., by Rev. Albert V. Lang, pastor.

The bride, a June, 1956 graduate of Middle Township High School, where she was Snow Ball Queen last year and Prom Queen this year. She was 1955 Cape May County Vegetable Queen. She is employed at New Jer-

The bride, a graduate of Colby College and Katherine Gibbs School, New sey Bell Telephone Co. in Wildwood, N. J. Mr. Richardson is a 1954 graduate of Middle Township High School. He is serving with the Navy in Maryland and expects to be transferred to Oceana, Virginia.

Mary Alice Conover, daughter of Mrs. Neilson Brown Conover of 149 Williamson Ave., Bloomfield, N. J. and the late Mr. Conover, and Harry F. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Green of 89 Girard Ave., East Orange, N. J., were married January 19, 1957 in the chapel of Glen Ridge Congregational Church by the Rev. Charles L. Copenhaver, pastor.

Nancy Lane Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Conover of Alexander Ave., Upper Montclair, N. J., and Edward H. Dawson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson of Lake Street, Newark, N. J., were married August 10, 1957 in the Union Congregational Church by Rev. Dr. George C. Vincent, pastor emeritus.

The bride was graduated from Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa. and is a teacher in Sparta Township. Her husband, a graduate of Montclair State Teachers College, is assistant director of audio visual aids in the Clifton schools.

Robert Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Conover of 408 Delaware Ave., Absecon, N. J., and Marjorie Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Allen of New Gretna, N. J., were married August 3, 1957 at the New Gretna Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Starsmeareat, pastor of New Gretna Methodist Church.

Mr. Conover is employed in the family business, Conover's Service Center, White Horse Pike and New Road.

Robert Andrew Conover, son of George W. Conover of North 2nd Avenue, Highland Park, N. J. and the late Mrs. Conover, and Nancy Jean Moyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Moyer of Warwick Road, Summit, N. J., were married April 27, 1957 at the Central Presbyterian Church by Rev. James Muir, pastor.

York, is employed by Catalytic Construction Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Conover was graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and did graduate work at Princeton University. He is with Public Service Electric & Gas Co., Camden, N. J.

Robert David Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Conover, Sr. of Larison Road, Chester, N. J., and Ruth Elizabeth Prough, daughter of Mrs. Walter J. Apostolok of Sunset Terr., Mt. Arlington, N. J., and the late Ralph Bayard Prough, were married July 8, 1956, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Mt. Arlington, by Rev. Robert H. Maitland, Jr., vicar of St. Peter's, and Rev. Robert B. McKay of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Lake Lackawanna, N. J.

Mrs. Conover was graduated from William Smith College, Geneva, N. Y., and is on the faculty of Chester Township School. Her husband, an alumnus of Rutgers University, served in the Navy during World War II and is self-employed.

William Edward Conover, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Conover of 107 South Street, Freehold, N. J., and Alice May Lykes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Milton Lykes of 33 McLean Street, Freehold, were married October 5, 1957, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Freehold, by the Rev. Bernard McKean Garlick, pastor.

The bride and bridegroom are both graduates of Freehold Regional High School, class of 1955. Mrs. Conover is employed by the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. in Freehold. Mr. Conover is a member of the U. S. Navy Reserves, and is stationed at Lakehurst, N. J. The couple will reside at 33 McLean Street, Freehold.

William Gerrit Kouwenhoven, son of Dr. and Mrs. William Bennett Kouwenhoven of 234 Dunstans Road, Baltimore, Md., and Jean Alexandra Stein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Stein, Jr., also of Baltimore, were married January 11, 1958 in Roland Park Presbyterian Church.

The bride, who attended Bryn Mawr College, was presented to society in Baltimore and Washington in 1954. Mr. Kouwenhoven received degrees from John Hopkins University and the Harvard Graduate Business School. He is with Ebasco Services, New York City.

Zeau Martin Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Rezeau Conover of Locust Lawn Farm, Colts Neck, N. J., and Joseph Rosell DuBois, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. DuBois, Sr. of "Highwood", Manalapan Road, Freehold, N. J., were married October 25, 1956 at Old Tennent Church, Tennent, N. J., by the Rev. Charles H. Neff, pastor.

Catherine Conover Mellon, daughter of Paul Mellon of Oak Spring, Upperville, Va. and Osterville, Mass., and the late Mrs. Mary Conover Mellon, and John William Warner, Jr., son of Mrs. John W. Warner of Washington, D. C., and the late Dr. Warner, were married August 7, 1957 in St. Peter's Episcopal Church at Wianno, by the Rev. Robert Nicholson, pastor.

The bride is a graduate of Foxcroft School and attended Mount Vernon Junior College. She was introduced to society in 1955 at a dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Mellon at Oak Spring. Mr. Warner, an Assistant United States Attorney, was graduated in engineering from Washington and Lee University and in law from the University of Virginia. He is a captain in the Marine Corps Reserve, having served in World War II and Korea.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Nora Mellon and the late Andrew W. Mellon, who was Secretary of the Treasury and Ambassador to the Court of St. James, and of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Clinton Conover of Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Warner is a nephew of the late Rev. Dr. Charles T. Warner, who was rector of St. Albans Church, Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Warner will live in Washington.

Paul Conover Deckenbach, son of Rev. and Mrs. Peter Ritte Deckenbach of Washington Ave., Belleville, N. J., and Gail Church Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hamilton of Hamilton Farms, Boonton, N. J., were married April 26, 1958 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Morristown, N. J., by Rev. Benjamin M. Washburn, Bishop of Newark, assisted by the groom's father, Rev. Peter R. Deckenbach of Christ Church, Belleville.

The bride is a graduate of Mt. Lakes High School and Katherine Gibbs School, Montclair. Her husband graduated from Belleville High School, University of Virginia and General Theological Seminary, New York, and is presently pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church, Boonton, N. J. The couple will reside at 226 Cornelia Street, Boonton.

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DEATHS

Alice Hitchner Conover, 99 years of age, of 153 Walnut Street, Bridgeton, N. J., died June 10, 1957. Born in Fairfield Township, she was a member of the First Methodist Church. Survivors include a son, H. H. Conover; three granchildren, two great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Interment was in Fernwood Memorial Park.

Alvin Joseph Jensen, 61 years of age, died June 16, 1956, while at work in Provo, Utah. He was born October 9, 1894, at Burley, Idaho, to Christian and Anna Margetta Jensen. On September 23, 1919, he married **Sylvia May Conover** at Burley, Idaho. He was a railroad man and veteran of World War I. Surviving are his widow, three sons, four daughters and 17 grandchildren. Interment was in Provo Cemetery, Provo, Utah.

Annie Conover, 77 years of age, of Old Port Republic Road, Oceanville, N. J., wife of Charles Conover, died April 10, 1957. She was a life-long resident of Oceanville, a member of the Oceanville Methodist Church and the Oceanville PTA; a past member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Oceanville Volunteer Fire Co.

Surviving besides her husband are three sons, Joseph and Irving of Oceanville, and Robert C. of Somers Point, N. J.; six daughters, Mrs. Viola Conover, Mrs. Marion Richardson, Mrs. Anna Mae Hand, all of Oceanville; Mrs. Dorothy Turner of Ocean City, Mrs. Ruth Smith of Linwood, and Mrs. Phoebe Clayton of Orlando, Florida; two sisters, Mrs. Ella Conover of Oceanville, and Mrs. Minnie Smith of Somers Point; a brother, Enoch Getz of Absecon Highlands; 36 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Interment was in Oceanville Cemetery.

Challmer Glen Conover, 57 years of age, died September 30, 1955, at Price Hospital, Ferron, Utah. He was born May 15, 1898, at Ferron to Abram G. and Elizabeth Loveless Conover. Married Esther Carlson in 1918 at Castle Dale, later in Manti LDS Temple. He was a stockman. Surviving are his widow; one son, Challmer Glen Conover, Jr. of Salt Lake City; two daughters, Mrs. Beth Fleetwood of Alameda, Calif. and Carole Jean Conover of Ferron; five grandchildren; three brothers and four sisters.

Charles Conover, 89 years of age, of 115 Elmwood Place, Plainfield, N. J., died July 31, 1957 in Cranford Hall Nursing Home. He was born in High Bridge, N. J., son of the late Nicholas and Ellen Hoffman Conover, and the husband of the late Laura Van Nest Conover.

Mr. Conover was the last member of the old Zephyr Hook and Ladder Co. of Plainfield's Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of the Plainfield Exempt Firemen's Association and the State Firemen's Association. He also held membership in the Plainfield Old Guard, Jerusalem Chapter 24, F.A.M., Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge 44, Freedom Castle 42, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. He was the oldest member of First Park Baptist Church, having joined one of its predecessors, the First Baptist Church on January 18, 1894. He was also one of the oldest members of Jerusalem Lodge 26, F. & A. M., which he joined more than 50 years ago.

He is survived by a son, C. Ernest Conover of 131 Remington Ave., Plainfield; two brothers, the Rev. Nicholas Conover of Los Angeles, and Stanley Conover of New Walnut St., Plainfield; five sisters, Miss Ella M. Conover of West Seventh St., Mrs. Peter Kize of High Bridge, N. J.; Mrs. Zilla Frederick of Flemington, N. J.; Mrs. Jean Cook of Maplewood, N. J., and Cornelia Davis of Des Plaines, Ill.; two granddaughters and six great-grandchildren. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Charles Conover, 58 years of age, of 1515 Penrose Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J., died at his home December 16, 1957 after a long illness. Born in Bakersville (now Northfield), he was a life-long resident of Atlantic County. He was a retired employee of the Atlantic City Water Dept., where he worked for 37 years. Surviving are his wife, Katherine; two sons, Charles, Jr. of Atlantic City, and George of Bargaintown, N. J.; a stepson, James DuBois of New Mexico; a brother, George, and a sister, Mrs. Alice Swartwood, both of Atlantic City, and seven grandchildren. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. J.

Charles E. Conover, Oceanville bayman, died in Shore Memorial Hospital, Somers Point, N. J., November 5, 1957, after a short illness. His home was at 35 Old Port Republic Road, Oceanville, N. J.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Viola Conover, Mrs. Marian Richardson, both of Oceanville; Mrs. Anna May Hand, Mrs. Phoebe Clayton and Mrs. Dorothy Turner of Orlando, Fla., and Mrs. Ruth Smith of Linwood, N. J.; three sons, Irving and Joseph A. of Oceanville, and Robert Charles of Somers Point; a brother, Ellsworth of Oceanville; 36 grandchildren, and 32 great-grandchildren. Interment was in Oceanville Cemetery.

Charles H. Conover, Sr., 67 years of age, of 1001 Lawrence Road, rural Trenton, N. J., died May 17, 1957 in McKinley Hospital, Trenton, N. J. He had resided at the Lawrence Road address for the past three years, was formerly a police guard at Princeton University. Born October 26, 1899, near Ringoes, N. J., he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Conover. He lived at Ringoes more than 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, Marguerite Seabridge Conover; four sons, Charles H., Jr. of Somerville, N. J.; Alvah B. of Blawenburg, N. J.; Robert M. and Dewitt Conover of Pennington, N. J., and six grandchildren. Interment was in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Reaville, N. J.

Clara A. Conover, 94 years of age, died May 11, 1958 at Leonard Nursing Home, Trumansburg, N. Y. She was the widow of the late Charles Davis Conover, who died May 21, 1935, and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Carley.

Surviving are a daughter, Miss Alice B. Conover of 22 Whig St., Trumansburg, N. Y.; a son, Floyd J. Conover; a granddaughter, Nancy Lee Conover Ayers; a great-granddaughter, Patti Ann Ayers, and a great-grandson, Floyd Robert Ayers. Interment was in Jones Cemetery, Trumansburg.

David H. Conover, 71 years of age, died April 15, 1958 at the Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J. He resided at 16 South Front St., Easton, Pa., and was born in Philadelphia on June 28, 1886, the son of the late Peter H. and Elizabeth Hoffman Conover. On October 12, 1909, he married Eliza-

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beth Aller in Grandin, N. J., and she died August 3, 1954.

He was a retired freight agent for the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Manville, N. J. and retired about 10 years ago. After that he operated a magazine stand in the Northampton National Bank lobby. He had conducted the Conover Magazine Stand in the Arcade Market for the last three or four years. He sold the business on April 1.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Grandin, N. J.; Dallas Lodge 399, F. & A. M., Easton; Lehigh Consistory, Allentown; Rajah Temple, Reading; Forks of the Delaware Shrine Club, Easton; West Jersey Shrine Club, Phillipsburg; Easton Forest 35, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Clinton Chapter 37, F. & A. M., Flemington; the Lehigh Valley Club, Allentown, and was a past president of the Van Kouwenhoven - Conover Family Association.

There are no immediate survivors. Interment was in Northampton Memorial Shrine, Easton.

Dorothy S. Conover, wife of Leslie E. Conover of Somers Point, N. J., died January 16, 1958. Interment was in Friends Central Cemetery.

Edgar Everett Conover, 82 years of age, died November 27, 1956, at his home in Liberty Street, Madison, Conn. He was the husband of the late Minnie Irene Scranton, and son of the late William Edgar and Sarah Louise Holley Conover. Surviving are a son, Woolsey Scranton Conover of Guilford, Conn.; a daughter, Helen Scranton Coes of Madison, Conn., and a sister, Mrs. John Wagner of Philadelphia, Pa. Interment was in Madison, Conn.

Edward V. Conover, 72 years of age, of 3 West Maple Street, Metuchen, N. J., died July 29, 1957 at the Perth Amboy General Hospital. He had lived in this place for eight years, and was a driver for the Somerset Laundry, Plainfield, before his retirement. Surviving are his wife, Mabel Mundy Conover; one daughter, Mrs. M. Alice Suydam of Metuchen; two brothers, Elmer V. of 20 Albert Street, Plainfield, and DeWitt of Santa Monica, Calif.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Interment was in Somerville Cemetery.

Elizabeth Grace Conover, 58 years of age, wife of Ernest Conover of 614 Vernon Avenue, Linwood, N. J., died March 23, 1957. She was a member of Epiphany Lutheran Church and of the Epiphany Lutheran Church Women. Surviving are her husband, Ernest; a son, Ernest D. of Fort Polk, La.; a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Unger of Patuxent, Md.; three brothers, Walter Young of Atlantic City, Harry of Ocean City, and William of Philadelphia; a sister, Mrs. Marie Beckman of Pleasantville, and four grandchildren. Interment was in Atlantic City Cemetery.

Emily B. Conover, died July 14, 1957 at her home, 307 Spier Ave., Allenhurst, N. J. Miss Conover was born in Deal, N. J., a daughter of the late James W. and Mary A. Gardner Conover.

Miss Conover was a member of the First Methodist Church, Asbury Park, N. J. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Paul Delmont, with whom she lived; and three brothers, John of Asbury Park, Laurus and Clem, both of Deal, N. J. Interment was in West Long Branch Cemetery.

Emma Hurley Conover, 78 years of age, of 127 Fourth Street, Lakewood, N. J., died October 29, 1956. She was born in Brielle and was the widow of William H. Conover. She is survived by one son, Lawrence J. Conover of Easton, Pa.; two grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Sadie Gibson of Sea Girt, Mrs. Alexander Adams of Point Pleasant, Mrs. Lena Bryant of Brielle, and Mrs. John Soler of Booth Bay Harbor, Maine. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Brielle, N. J.

Estella E. Conover, wife of John A. Conover of 6006 - 36th Avenue, Hyattsville, Md., died April 26, 1956.

Eva M. Conover, 80 years of age, of Whitehouse Station, N. J., widow of

John Conover, died October 29, 1956, in Peabody Nursing Home, Readington, N. J.

Born in Hunterdon County, N. J., February 17, 1876, she was the daughter of the late David and Hannah Campbell, and resided many years in Whitehouse. The last of her family, several cousins are her only survivors. Interment was in Readington Cemetery.

Frank O. Conover, 77 years of age, died December 21, 1957, at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul West, 39 Chambers St., Phillipsburg, N. J. He had worked as a fireman on the Pennsylvania, Lehigh Valley and Central of New Jersey railroads before retirement. He was a member of SS. Philip and James Catholic Church in Phillipsburg.

In addition to his daughter, he leaves a son, Charles, and two sisters, Miss Myrtle Conover and Mrs. Knight Miler, all of Phillipsburg, and four grandchildren.

Harold L. Conover, 54 years of age, died October 20, 1956, after suffering a heart attack in the Stacy-Trent Hotel, Trenton, N. J., where he was attending the 26th annual meeting of the Rider College Alumni Association of which he was secretary.

Mr. Conover lived at 198 Park Ave., Hamilton Square, N. J. He was born in Trenton, attended the local schools and was a graduate of Rider and the Pace Institute of New York. He entered state service 28 years ago, and was chief of the licensing division of the State Department of Banking and Insurance.

A former Mayor and Committeeman of Hamilton Township, Mr. Conover was a member of the Chambersburg and Hamilton Township Republican clubs, a charter member of the Hamilton Township Lions Club, a trustee of Rider College, past president of the Nottingham Volunteer Fire Department, a member of Loyal Lodge, F. & A. M., and Forest No. 4, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, both of Trenton.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Thelma Lutz Conover; two sons, John A. and James W. of Hamilton Square; his father, John H.; a brother, George H., who is controller of the Stacy-Trent Hotel, and two sisters, Mrs. Robert Laird and Mrs. James Coley, all of Trenton, and a grandson. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Trenton, N. J.

Helena Somers Conover, 88 years of age, widow of the late Zeph S. Conover of 10 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Atlantic City, N. J., died June 18, 1957. She was born in Somers Point, N. J., the daughter of Richard and Harriet Tilton Somers, and was a collateral descendant of another Richard Somers, a hero of the war between the United States and the Barbary pirates in 1804 and the War of 1812.

While she was still at an early age her family moved to Atlantic City. She became a teacher, remaining in the profession until her marriage November 10, 1897 to Zeph S. Conover. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, charter member of the Women's Club, board member of the General Lafayette Chapter, D.A.R., member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association and the Atlantic County Historical Society, whose headquarters are in the Somers Mansion, her ancestral home. Interment was in Pleasantville Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. J.

Henry Conover, 73 years of age, formerly of Nutley, N. J., died January 3, 1958, in St. Petersburg, Fla. He was born in Newark, N. J., January 6, 1885, a son of the late William Henry and Catherine Kierans Conover. On April 10, 1912, he married Nell N. Peach, a daughter of the late Thomas and Ellen Peach, in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Surviving besides his wife is one son, Harry Conover; a sister, Mrs. Clifford Faust, and a brother, Arthur E. Conover. Interment was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Newark, N. J.

Horace Conover, 70 years of age, of 84 Fairview Ave., Plainfield, N. J., died August 8, 1956 in Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield. He was employed by the Griffin Hardware Store in

Plainfield and North Plainfield for the most of his life and was a member of the Plainfield Old Guard. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Marie L. Conover, and a sister, Mrs. Bertram A. King of Eagle Rock, Calif. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield.

Jackson Conover, 94 years of age, a resident of Rumson, N. J. for 88 years, died July 28, 1957 in his home, 34 East Ridge Road. He moved to Rumson when the borough was known as Port Washington, and he was considered an authority on the history of the area. He was Monmouth County Road Supervisor before his retirement some 15 years ago.

Mr. Conover was born in Squankum, N. J., son of the late Samuel A. and Catherine Wolt Conover. He was an honorary member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Charles Croft of Rumson, and Mrs. Elmer Morrow of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a brother, Fred Conover of Rumson; two sisters, Miss Adelaide Conover of Orlando, Fla., and Mrs. Charlotte Keefer of West Hempstead, L. I.; one grandchild, and three great grandchildren. Interment was in Fair View Cemetery.

John C. Conover, 80 years of age, of 87 East Spring St., Somerville, N. J., died March 2, 1957 in Somerset Hospital. He was a retired building contractor and a former building inspector in Somerville. Born in Three Bridges, N. J., he had lived in the Readington area as a youth before coming to Somerville more than 50 years ago. Before going into the building business for himself, he was associated with William Conover & Son, a firm headed by his father.

Active in municipal affairs for many years, he was re-appointed January 1 as a member of the Building Code Board of Appeals. He resigned as building inspector in 1947 after serving 15 years.

Mr. Conover was a life member of the New Jersey Building Inspectors' Association and for many years had been treasurer of Local 455, United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America. He was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven - Conover Family Association, holding the office of trustee. Active for more than 60 years in the First Baptist Church, he had been both an elder and a deacon of the church, and at one time served as superintendent of the Sunday School.

He leaves two sons, Tax Assessor John M. Conover and G. Wallace Conover, editor of the Somerset-Messenger Gazette and president of the New Jersey Press Association, both of Somerville; two daughters, Mrs. Eva D. Buys of Philadelphia, and Miss Betty Conover of Audubon, N. J,; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Interment was in Three Bridges Cemetery.

John W. Conover, 72 years of age, of 209 West Poplar Ave., Wildwood, N. J., died August 20, 1956 in Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital, Cape May Court House, N. J.

Katherine Conover, 78 years of age, widow of Teneyck Conover of Jamesburg-Perrineville Road, R.D., Jamesburg, N. J., died May 28, 1957. She is survived by one son, Thomas, living at home, and a sister, Mrs. Dora Magee of Matawan, N. J. Interment was in Old Tennent Cemetery, Tennent, N. J.

Lloyd V. S. Conover, 72 years of age, of 14 Leigh St., Clinton, N. J., died May 6, 1958 at Clara Maass Hospital, Belleville, N. J. He was a son of the late Nathan S. and Matilda

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Hunt Conover and lived in the Clinton area all his life.

He founded the Lloyd V. S. Conover Real Estate Agency in Clinton, 35 years ago. He was a member of the State and National Realtors' Association and the National Real Estate Brokers and Appraisers' Association. Mr. Conover was a member of the Clinton Presbyterian Church and of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, having held continuous membership since his boyhood days and was a past president of this Association.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Harriet Musgrave Conover, and a sister, Mrs. Louise Cowden of Harrisburg, Pa. Interment was in Union Cemetery in Grandin, N. J.

Louis J. Conover died January 22, 1958, at his home, 124 Grand Ave., Atlantic Highlands, N. J., after a long illness. He was born in Holmdel, N. J., son of the late Samuel and Emilie Van Derveer Conover. He was employed as a shop superintendent of Faspray Corp., Red Bank, for 13 years.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Eleanor Betz Conover; a son, Charles of River Plaza, N. J. two daughters, Mrs. Lantie Harrie of France, and Miss Deborah Lynn Conover, at home; one stepdaughter, Mrs. William Bochicchio of Fort Hancock, N. J.; two brothers, Arthur of Freehold, N. J., and Walter of Shrewsbury, N. J.; a half brother, Clarence of Freehold; two stepbrothers, William Ganley of Holmdel, and Edward of Freehold; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Garth of New York City, and Mrs. George Eubanks of Pensacola, Fla., and a stepsister, Mrs. Charles Ellis of Holmdel; and 6 grandchildren.

Lydia B. Conover, 72 years of age, wife of Clinton Conover of Green Creek, N. J., died July 17, 1957 in Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital. She is survived by a son, Arthur of Green Creek; two brothers, Frank Doughty of Green Creek, and Milton Doughty of Pierce's Point, and three grandchildren. Interment was in the Green Creek Methodist Cemetery.

Mary Stiger Conover, 89 years of age, died August 12, 1957 in her home, East Main Street, High Bridge, N. J., after a long illness. Miss Conover was born May 9, 1868 in Clinton, N. J., daughter of the late Theodore Y. and Sarah Sharp Conover and attended Clinton Academy and schools in Easton, Pa.

In 1899 she was appointed music director of the Jerry McAuley Cremorne Mission in New York City and was a missionary for more than 30 years. In her earlier years she was a member of the Annandale Reformed Church but later transferred to High Bridge Reformed Church.

The Rev. George L. Bolton, superintendent of the Bowery Mission, New York, officiated at the funeral services, assisted by the Rev. Isaac C. Rottenberg, pastor of the High Bridge Reformed Church, of which she was a member. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Clinton, N. J.

Her only survivor is a brother, Rev. Dr. Garrett M. Conover of East Main Street, High Bridge, N. J.

Minnie W. Conover, 83 years of age, wife of Edgar B. Conover of 311 Union St., Boonton, N. J., died October 27, 1957 at her home after a long illness. Born in Montville, N. J., she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Jacobus and a life-long resident of this area. She was a member of the Boonton Methodist Church. Also surviving are a brother, William Jacobus of Parsippany, N. J., and a sister, Mrs. Robert T. Lucas, Sr. of Boonton. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Boonton.

M. O. Conover, 86 years of age, died November 18, 1956 in Long Beach, Calif. Born in 1870, moved to Idaho in 1914 and to California several years ago. He was a member of the Baptist Church and Elks Lodge. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Thelma Greenhalgh of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Mrs. Vivian Hill of Long Beach, Calif.; two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren. Interment was in Twin Falls Cemetery, Twin Falls, Idaho.

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SATURDAY, JULY THE THIRTEENTH
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RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Program

Morning Session - 11 a.m.

LOUNGE, DEMAREST HALL

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain.
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That seems beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears.
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS Mr. Louis W. Conover, Princeton, N. J.
President of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY - Prof. Charles H. Stevens
Director of the Summer Session

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS
Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom, Atlantic City, N. J.
Chairman of Membership and Genealogical Committees

BUSINESS MEETING

LUNCHEON—12:30 p.m. in the University Cafeteria

HYMN—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

Afternoon Session - 1:30 p.m.

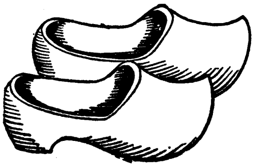
LOUNGE, DEMAREST HALL

COLOR MOVIES "History in the Making" - Mr. C. E. Maass
Defence Projects Division, Western Electric Co.

CONDUCTED TOUR Kirkpatrick Chapel, University Library
and other points of interest

— In Memoriam —

MRS. GEORGE C. HENCKEL, Died August 12, 1956, Ridgewood, N. J.
ZEPH S. CONOVER, Died October 21, 1956, Atlantic City, N. J.
FRANK J. MAPS, Died November 4, 1956, Long Branch, N. J.
JOHN C. CONOVER, Died March 2, 1957, Somerville, N. J.
HENRY DeNYSE BRINLEY, Died May 12, 1957, Long Branch, N. J.
MRS. ZEPH S. CONOVER, Died June 18, 1957, Atlantic City, N. J.



Norman C. Conover, 56 years of age, died April 13, 1958 at Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. He was assistant postmaster of Atlantic Highlands, N. J., and resided at 108 Third Avenue. He was born in Altantic Highlands, son of the late Eugene and Margaret Conover and had lived there all of his life.

Mr. Conover was a member of the Mantell Hose Co. of Atlantic Highlands Fire Dept., a member of Central Baptist Church, and the Lions Club.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Dorothy Watson Conover, at home; a son, Norman Robert Conover of Raleigh, N. C., and an aunt, Mrs. William Conover of Atlantic Highlands.

Raymond Conover, 59 years of age, of 232 New Jersey Ave., Collingswood, N. J., died March 7, 1957 in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Camden, N. J. He was a compositor with the Philadelphia Daily News. He began his newspaper career working as a printer's helper for the Atlantic City (N. J.) Gazette.

He was a resident of Collingswood for more than 33 years, a veteran of World War I, and a member of the Philadelphia Typographical Union #2.

Surviving are his wife, Helen (nee Fahrner) of Collingswood; three sons, Eugene R. at home, Ronald M. of Crescent, N. J., and Harold R. of Summerdale, N. J.; a brother, Virgil Conover of Pleasantville, N. J., and four grandchildren. Interment was in the Pleasantville Cemetery.

Raymond Conover, Sr., 61 years of age, of 120 Garfield Ave., Linwood, N. J., died August 26, 1956 at Shore Memorial Hospital. He was a life-long resident of this area and was an electrician. He is survived by his wife, Rose; two sons, Raymond, Jr. of Linwood, and Martin, with the Army in Japan; three daughters, Mrs. Alice Maenner of Somers Point, Mrs. George Mathis of Northfield, and Rosemarie Conover of Linwood; his mother, Mrs. Martin Lear of Pleasantville, and six grandchildren. Interment was in Asbury Cemetery, English Creek, N. J.

Sarah Kane Conover, 49 years of age, of 184 William St., Rahway, N. J., died at home August 20, 1957. Born in Ireland, she came here in 1933 with her husband, Charles A. Conover, Sr. Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, Charles A. Conover, Jr.; one sister, Mrs. John Simon of Metuchen, N. J., and two brothers, Harry Kane of Metuchen, and James Kane of Ireland. Interment was in the Rahway Cemetery.

Susan Ann Conover, 79 years of age, died September 27, 1956 in a Provo hospital, Provo, Utah. She was born in Spanish Fork, Utah, September 5, 1877, a daughter of the late Robert and Emely Jane Stocker Boyak. She spent her early life in Spanish Fork attending schools in that city and was married to Adelbert Conover, July 2, 1894, in Springville. Their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple, November 4, 1915. Mr. Conover died December 3, 1949.

Mrs. Conover was a member of the LDS Church and had served as a visiting Relief Society Teacher forty years. She was a member of the DUP Camp Sierra Bonita.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters: Bert and Richard Conover of Springville, Utah; H. D. Conover of Bontiful, Utah; Lewis Earl Conover of Reno, Nev.; Mrs. Sylvia C. Jensen of Provo, Utah, and Mrs. Nellie C. Maiben of Montebello, Calif.; 16 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren; a brother, D. R. Boyak of Spanish Fork, Utah, and two sisters, Mrs. Emely Jane Booth of Spanish Fork, and Mrs. Margaret Ostler of Springville. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Thomas Conover, a retired farmer, died January 9, 1958, at his home in North Pemberton Road, Easthampton Township, near Mt. Holly, N. J. He is survived by a sister. Interment was in Brotherhood Cemetery.

Watson A. Conover, 74 years of age, of 1318 Edgewood Ave., Wanamassa, N. J., died October 16, 1956 at Fitkin Hospital, Neptune, N. J. A retired farmer, Mr. Conover was born December 2, 1880 in Manalapan Township, son of Asher H. and Jane Ann Van Cleaf Conover. He is survived by one son, William R. Conover, with whom he made his home, and three grandchildren, Marie, 23; Ross, 20, and Blanche, 13. Interment was made in Old Tennent Cemetery, Tennant, N. J.

Warren E. Conover, 55 years of age, a former Atlantic City painter and carpenter, a resident of Neptune, N. J., died June 3, 1957. He is survived by a sister, Miss Florence Conover of Pleasantville, N. J., and a brother, Raymond Conover of Neptune, N. J.

William G. Conover of Garden City, L. I., died April 1, 1957. Surviving are his wife, Lillian Metz Conover; a daughter, Mrs. Doris Conover Dugan, and a son, William M. Conover.

Zeph S. Conover, 90 years of age, died October 21, 1956 at Atlantic City Hospital. He resided at 10 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J. Mr. Conover was the last surviving charter member of the Morris Guards. At one time he was in the oyster business with his father and then worked for the Post Office, retiring about 30 years ago. He is survived by his wife, Helena. Interment was in Pleasantville Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. J.

Anna Kouwenhoven, 19 years of age, daughter of Prof. John Kouwenhoven of 18 Donnelon Road, Scarsdale, N. Y., died October 28, 1956 when Air Force Pilot Lt. Edward S. Criddle's light plane crashed into a Connecticut river sandbar near Sunderland, Mass., after striking 60,000-volt high tension wires, setting it on fire.

Anna S. Barrick, 74 years of age, died May 3, 1957 at her home in Byron, Illinois. She was a daughter of the late John Chester and Harriet Nancy Wilbur Stires, and widow of the late L. T. Barrick. She was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Harris; two granddaughters, Mrs. Harry Pond and Mary Evelyn Harris, all of Houston, Texas, and one sister, Mrs. Margaret DeFouw of Byron, Illinois. Interment was in Byron Cemetery.

Bertha T. Slater, 78 years of age, wife of Howard Slater of 106 Valley View Ave., Hackettstown, N. J., died September 9, 1957 at her home after a long illness. She was born in Washington, N. J. and had lived in Hackettstown for 34 years. She formerly lived in Camden, N. J., where she founded and was a past president of the East Camden Women's Club. She also was past president and secretary of the Peggy Warne Chapter, D.A.R.; a past president of the Hackettstown Women's Club, a member and past treasurer of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, and a member of the Hackettstown Presbyterian Church.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, Frank of Lake Mohawk, N. J. and Robert of Fairmount, N. J., and two grandchildren. Interment was in Union Cemetery, Hackettstown.

Carrie Groendyke, 81 years of age, died November 1, 1957 at Union Forge Nursing Home. She was the widow of Sanford Groendyke of High Bridge, N. J., who died several years ago. She was a member of High Bridge Reformed Church and of Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. The former Carrie Hoffman, she was a sister of Raymond Hoffman of Clinton, N. J., who survives, as does also a son, Sanfort, Jr. of Clinton; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret McCoy of Cokesbury, N. J. and Mrs. Laura Sheridan of Trenton, N. J.; one sister, Mrs. Bertha H. Edgar of Highland Park, N. J., and two grandchildren. Interment was in Lebanon Reformed Church Cemetery, Lebanon, N. J.

Conover Northwood, 42 years of age, died January 3, 1958, in St. Barnabas Hospital of Chronic Diseases, New York, of a long illness. He was born in Chestnut Level, Pa., a son of Rev. Dr. Arthur and Louanne Conover Northwood of 92 Chancellor Avenue, Newark, N. J. His father is pastor of the Elizabeth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Besides his parents, he leaves a brother, Arthur Northwood, Jr. of New York City, and a sister, Mrs. Louanne McClement of Andover, Mass. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Newark.

Cora M. Conover Sutton, wife of Frederick B. Sutton of Bradentown, Fla. Funeral services were held September 22, 1956 in Oldwick, N. J. She was born in Round Valley, N. J., and is the last of a family of six children born to J. Melick and Amanda Demott Conover. Surviving besides her husband are two daughters, Mrs. John V. Melick of Oldwick, and Mrs. H. Nelson Mayberry of Peapack-Gladstone, and a son, Frederick W. Sutton of Port St. Jo. Interment was in the Oldwick Cemetery.

Edwin C. Sloat, 78 years of age, died September 18, 1956 at his home, 167 Jackson Street, Matawan, N. J. He was born in Rutherford, N. J., son of the late Eugene W. and Mellicent Conover Sloat, and had lived in Matawan 30 years. He came to Monmouth County as a farmer in the Freehold area and later became chief of police at Freehold. He then joined the Lakewood police department and served on the county prosecutor's staff.

Mr. Sloat was appointed as Matawan Borough's first police chief in 1925 and retired in 1950. He was a member of the Monmouth County Police Chiefs' Association and the International Police Chiefs' Association. He was elected president of the Matawan Board of Health in 1937 and served on the Board for many years. He was instrumental, as a member of the Monmouth County Radio Commission in the establishment of the County Police Radio System in the 1930's.

Surviving are his wife, Louwilla Sloat; a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Johanns of Piscataway Township; a son, Howard Sloat of Lamesa, Calif., and a brother, Howard Sloat of New York City. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Freehold, N. J.

Ernest E. Van Schoick, 87 years of age, of 11 Main Street, Farmingdale, N. J., died December 30, 1956, in Fitkin Hospital, Neptune, N. J. He was born in Elizabeth, N. J., the son of John and Elizabeth Conover Van Schoick. He was a retired Monmouth County court officer.

Surviving are three sons, Walter S. of Squankum, Howell Township Assessor; John H. of Red Bank, N. J., and Ernest W. of Denville, N. J.; a daughter, Mrs. Eva E. Reid of Freehold, N. J.; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Bessie Van Benthyusen of Farmingdale, N. J., and a brother, Charles W. Van Schoick of Squankum, N. J. He was a member of Squankum Methodist Church Men's Club, a trustee of Squankum Star Club, and a member of the Farmingdale Kiwanis Club. Interment was in Fair View Cemetery, Red Bank, N. J.

Fred D. Wikoff, 94 years of age, of Broad Street, Red Bank, N. J., died December 4, 1957, at his home after an illness of six weeks. He was founder and president of the Fred D. Wikoff Co., feed and fuel supply firm in Red Bank.

Born in Freehold, he was the son of the late William H. and Margaretta D. Conover Wikoff and had lived in the Red Bank area for the past 72 years. He received his education at the Freehold Institute and at the Glenwood Institute, Matawan. He worked in a Freehold drug store and later owned one in Asbury Park. Mr. Wikoff sold his interest in the Asbury Park store in 1897 and established the Wikoff Grain and Fuel Co.

He was a charter member and chairman of the board of the Mainstary Federal Savings and Loan Association and a charter member and first president of Red Bank Lions Club. He was among those honored at the club's 35th anniversary dinner last February. Mr. Wikoff was also the oldest active member of the North Shrewsbury Ice Boat and Yacht Club.

A member of the Holland Society of New Jersey, he also belonged to the Monmouth County Historical Society and First Presbyterian Church of Red Bank of which he was an elder and trustee.

Mr. Wikoff's first wife, Laura Morford Wikoff, died in December, 1933. His second wife, Caroline T. Wikoff, died in November, 1950. Surviving are a son, William H. Wikoff, here; five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Interment was in Fair View Cemetery, Middletown, N. J.

Frederick Houk Law, 85 years of age, died September 7, 1957 in the Methodist Hospital of Brooklyn, N. Y. He lived at 472 Argyle Road, Brooklyn. A native New Yorker, Dr. Law graduated in 1895 from Amherst College, where he was a classmate of Calvin Coolidge and Dwight W. Morrow. After receiving a master's degree from Columbia University in 1896, he took courses in pedagogy at Brown University.

DR. FREDERICK HOUK LAW, 1872-1957

Dr. Law spent a year teaching English and French at Centre College in Danville, Ky., before becoming head of the Department of English at the high school in Pawtucket, R. I., in 1898. He took part in campaigns there to enact child labor laws.

In 1904, Dr. Law came to New York to head the English Department at Stuyvesant. His students included the authors Maurice Hindis, Manuel Komroff, Joseph Mankiewicz, James Kevin McGinnis and Francis Farrago.

He received a Ph. D. from New York University in 1914 and was a lecturer at the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, the Newark Institute of Arts and Sciences, Notre Dame College, Grymes Hill, S. I., and City College.

Active in the High School Teachers Association of New York, Dr. Law served three terms as its president. As chairman of its salary committee, he led efforts to raise wages for high school teachers and also fought attempts to have teachers serve without pay in high school summer sessions.

For three terms New York State Director of the National Education Association, Dr. Law also helped to organize the National Secondary Education Association, which later was incorporated into the N.E.A. In 1942 he became a member of the National Commission for the Defense of Democracy Through Education.

Dr. Law was associated with Dr. Talcott Williams of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in founding the first School Press Association in New York. He wrote articles on education and travel for newspapers and magazines.

The author of two novels, four books of verse and two biographies, Dr. Law also wrote a history of the New York area. Among his 30 published works was "Mastery of Speech", also published in Britain. His last book, a study of patriots of the United States, was prepared as supplementary reading for high school students and appeared about a year ago.

Dr. Law had visited every continent and was one of the few white men to ford the rapids of the Mazaruin River in British Guiana. He toured Africa from Capetown to Cairo, and told of having had dinner with cannibals in the Fiji Islands. He was president emeritus of the Adventurers' Club of New York, a Mason and a Shriner. He was a member and past president of Van Kouwehoven-Conover Family Association.

After his retirement from the school system in 1942, Dr. Law was for ten years educational director of The Reader's Digest.

He leaves his second wife, Carrie; their three children, Mrs. Henry H. Mills, Mrs. Richard H. Amberg and Capt. Robert S. Law; a son by his first marriage, John Thorp Law, and seven grandchildren.

Fred M. Wyckoff, 54 years of age, of Marshall Corner-Woodsville Road, near Hopewell, N. J., was found Friday, May 7, 1957, lying face down in a pool of water in the rear of his service station and home. He had been missing since the Wednesday of the previous week. He had previously been under the care of a physician for a heart condition. He is survived by two aunts, Mrs. David Blackwell of Hopewell, and Mrs. Elwood Blackwell of Skillman, N. J.; also by an uncle, Frederick T. Servis of Trenton, N. J. Interment was in Highland Cemetery, Hopewell, N. J.

Frances H. C. Reynolds, 56 years of age, of 401 Victor Place, Neptune, N. J., died November 3, 1956 at her home. She was born in West Farms, N. J., the daughter of the late Horace V. and Lizzie Bearmore Conover, and formerly lived in Lakewood. She was a member of the Hamilton Methodist Church, and of Ocean Grove Chapter, O.E.S. Surviving are her husband, Jack Reynolds; a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor R. Gray, at home; a grandson, Jeffrey Wayne Gray, and a sister, Mrs. Frank Weaver of Lakewood. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Farmingdale, N. J.

Frank James Maps, 68 years of age, died November 4, 1956 at his home, 152 Washington Street, Long Branch, N. J. He was born in Long Branch, son of the late James and Mary Law Maps, and had been a resident in Long Branch all his life.

Mr. Maps was associated with the Red Bank office of the Monmouth Plumbing Supply Co. prior to retiring several years ago. As a youth, he was employed at the Long Branch office of the New York and Long Branch Railroad Co. At one time he was manager of the F. J. Maps Co., a men's wear store on Broadway, Long Branch.

He was a member of the Long Branch Presbyterian Church and was an active ruling elder of the church at the time of his death. He was a former trustee of the church, a member and past master of Long Branch Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and also a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Surviving are his wife, Aurilla Conover Maps, and several cousins. Interment was in Glenwood Cemetery, West Long Branch.

Harry Wilson Hatfield, 57 years of age, of 797 S. 400 E., Springville, Utah, died February 9, 1957 at his home of a heart attack. He was born February 3, 1900 in Springville, a son of Amos and Mary Zerelda Conover Hatfield. He attended the Springville schools, graduating from the high school. He worked on road construction in Utah and Nevada for several years. He lived for two years in Oakland, Calif., attending art school and working part time for the Maiben Sign Co. He was a well-known interior decorator.

He lived in Provo, Utah, 1936-45, and did contract painting and paperhanging, and also worked on construction of the Geneva steel plant as foreman of maintenance when it went into operation, until 1951 when his health failed.

Mr. Hatfield held the office of Elder in the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints and was a member of the Provo Elks Lodge.

He married Theodora Eves in Salt Lake LDS Temple, September 14, 1931. She died September 24, 1934. He married Christine Craig in Salt Lake City, April 14, 1945. She died July 23, 1953. He married Mildred Allen Penovich, December 19, 1953 in Salt Lake City.

Surviving are his widow; one son, Keat Eves Hatfield of Idaho Falls; two daughters, Mrs. L. David (Joyce) Boyer of Springville, and Nathalie Hatfield of Provo; three stepdaughters, Connie, JoAnn and Gail Penovich, all of Springville; two grandchildren; three brothers, Thomas M. of Springville, John Charles of Mapleton, and Keith W. of Ephraim; and one sister, Flora Hatfield Maiben of Provo. Interment was in Springville Evergreen Cemetery.

Helen Conover Luckett, 64 years of age, died May 22, 1958, at her home, 305 East Franklin Ave., Silver Spring, Md. She was the daughter of the late Edgar S. and Lydia Algeo Conover and was born in Washington, D. C.

A member of the State Chapter, American War Mothers, in which she held the office of 3rd Vice President, and a member of Su-Zu Court No. 21, Brightwood Temple, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America. She served several terms as member of the Board of Trustees of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Surviving are her husband, George W. Luckett, and two sons, Raymond L. and Harry F. Luckett, and five grandchildren; also a brother, Edgar Conover. Interment was in the National Memorial Park Cemetery, Falls Church, Va.

Henry De Nyse Brinley of 435 Broadway, Long Branch, N. J., died May 12, 1957 at Monmouth Memorial Hospital. He was born in Long Branch, son of the later Walter R. and Harriet J. De Nyse Brinley and had been a life-long resident. For many years he had practiced law in Red Bank, N. J., removing his offices to 431 Broadway, Long Branch, last January.

A graduate of Cornell University and its Law School, he had for 12 years served as director of the Monmouth County Bar Association. He had been Government Appeal Agent for Selective Service Board No. 46 for 8 years. For 20 years he had served as secretary of the Monmouth County Ethics and Grievances Committee of the New Jersey Supreme Court.

He was a member of Long Branch Board of Health for 15 years, and was a member for 10 years, 4 of them as president, of the Board of Education. In 1924 he was one of the founders of the West Long Branch Cemetery Trust and for 22 years was its president. Mr. Brinley had been secretary of the Monmouth County Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and a member of Monmouth County Historical Association, the Historical Society of the New Jersey Methodist Conference, the Huguenot Society of New Jersey and the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. He was a member of the Oakhurst Methodist Church and president of its trustees for 14 years.

Surviving are his widow, Lena Smith Brinley; a daughter, Mrs. William Bernet of West Lafayette, Ind., and two grandchildren. Interment was in West Long Branch Cemetery.

Hiram Crossman, 69 years of age, of North Main and Garden Roads, Vineland, N. J., died August 4, 1957, while attending morning services in the First Presbyterian Church. He was an elder in the church for the past 20 years. He was one of the original deacons at the First Presbyterian Church, serving for 20 years.

Born in Menlo Park, N. J., he moved to Vineland in 1898. He was a clerk in the Post Office 1910 to 1913 and then began farming at his home. He was Welfare Director of Franklin Township for the last eight years and served on Franklin Township Board of Education 12 years. He also served a number of years on the Executive Committee of Gloucester County and was a member of Presbyterian Council, Jr. O.U.A.M.

Surviving him are his wife, Dora; one brother, Linnington D. of Houston, Texas, and one sister, Mrs. Harry Raber of Phoenix, Ariz. Interment was in Siloam Cemetery.

John V. Huff, 76 years of age, husband of the late Ethel Buckalew Huff, died October 23, 1956 at Foothill Acres Nursing Home, Neshanic, N. J. He was born in Neshanic, July 23, 1880, the son of the late John W. and Mary Conover Huff. A life-long resident there, he was a retired farmer and member of the Neshanic Methodist Church.

Surviving are two brothers, Henry C. and Edwin W. of Neshanic, and two sisters, Mrs. Jeanette May and Mrs. Anna Griscom, also of Neshanic; several nieces and nephews. Interment was in Neshanic Cemetery.

Lenore Liming, 47 years of age, of rural Annandale, N. J., widow of J. Ernest Liming, died December 9, 1956 in Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J. She was born in Flemington, September 25, 1909, the daughter of the late Anson and Mary Conover Marshall. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Arthur Hurford, with whom she resided, and one brother, Lewis Marshall of Trenton, N. J. Interment was in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Flemington, N. J.

Leonard G. Rundstrom, 74 years of age, prominent Atlantic City hotelman, died November 4, 1957 in Atlantic City Hospital. He was assistant to the general manager of the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall Hotel, a post he held since July, 1950. Prior to this position he was resident manager of the Traymore and Brighton Hotels.

Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Olive Conover Rundstrom, who is chairman of the Membership and Genealogical Committee of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. Interment was in the Absecon Methodist Cemetery, Absecon, N. J.

Marion A. Baird, 81 years of age, died June 8, 1957 at her home at Swan Lake Drive, Freehold, N. J. She was born in Marlboro, N. J., the daughter of the late William I. and Cornelia Conover, and was a member of the Old Brick Church, Marlboro. She is survived by her husband, Alexander M. Baird; two sons, Kenneth A. of Freehold, N. J., and James R. of Point Pleasant, N. J. Interment was in Old Brick Church Cemetery, Bradevelt, N. J.

Mary L. Ely, 75 years of age, widow of D. Holmes Ely, died August 14, 1957 in Monmouth Memorial Hospital, Long Branch, N. J. She was born in Holmdel, N. J., the daughter of the late William and Margaret DuBois Conover.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Andrew J. Goosley of Keyport, N. J., with whom she made her home; one sister, Mrs. Garrett R. Conover of Colts Neck, N. J., and one brother, Edward Conover of Freehold, N. J. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Freehold.

Nellie Conover Maiben, 62 years of age, of 326 North 5th St., Montebello, Calif., died July 16, 1957. A native of Springville, Utah, she was a daughter of the late Adelbert and Susan Conover. She attended schools here and left Springville after her marriage to Heber J. Maiben.

Surviving besides her husband, are three sons, Ted, Jack and Stephen Maiben, all of California; brothers, Bert and Richard (Dick) Conover of Springville; Earl Conover of Reno, Nev.; Donald Conover of Bountiful, Utah, and a sister, Mrs. A. J. (Sylvia) Jensen of Provo, Utah. Interment was in Rose Hills Cemetery, Montebello, California.

Russell Apgar, 63 years of age, died June 24, 1957. He was born in Lebanon, N. J., a son of the late Howard and Bertha Conover Apgar. He lived in Clinton, N. J. for the past 25 years and prior to that in Annandale, N. J. His wife died three years ago. He made his home in Clinton with Mrs. Helen Kornberger, Route 22, the widow of his stepson.

He was a veteran of World War I, and a member of Herbert Cawley Post, American Legion, at High Bridge, N. J. Interment was in Spruce Run Cemetery.

Sarah Kouwenhoven Henckel, 66 years of age, wife of George C. Henckel of 144 Lincoln Ave., Ridgewood, N. J., died August 12, 1956 in the Valley Hospital, Ridgewood. She was the daughter of the late William Henry and Annie Bergen Kouwenhoven of Brooklyn, N. Y. She is survived by her husband (who died 19 days later on August 31, 1956); a son, George C. Henckel, Jr. of Ridgewood; a daughter, Mrs. Everett G. Judson of Glen Rock, N. J.; a brother, William Wyckoff Kouwenhoven of Garden City, N. Y., and a sister, Mrs. N. William Callmer (Lucretia Kouwenhoven) of Brooklyn, N. Y.; also 4 grandchildren.

Zilla Conover Frederick, 69 years of age, widow of Rheuel Frederick of Flemington, N. J., and formerly of High Bridge, N. J., died April 28, 1958 in the Clinton Nursing Home, Clinton, N. J. Born in High Bridge, she was a daughter of the late Nicholas and Mary Fritts Conover. She was a member of the High Bridge Methodist

Church and of Pythagoras Chapter, O.E.S., Newark, N. J.

Surviving are her son, Karl of Flemington; four sisters, Miss Ella Conover of Plainfield, N. J., Mrs. Carrie Kice of High Bridge, N. J., Mrs. George Davis of Des Plaines, Ill., and Mrs. Howard Cook of Maplewood, N. J.; one brother, Stanley Conover of North Plainfield, N. J., and one grandchild. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Clinton, N. J.

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— *Conographs* —

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Conover family "stopped" on corner of Conover Street, Kenmore. N. Y.

Gets Yaching Post

Harvey Conover, who recently retired as commodore of the Cruising Club of America, was elected post captain of the North American Station of the Royal Swedish Yacht Club (K.S.S.S.) last night at a dinner meeting held at the New York Yacht Club. —*(N. Y. Herald-Tribune)*

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Another Landmark Gone

The past week-end the farmhouse and barns on the "Patten farm", Adelphia Road, Highway 79, were razed and burned to make way for parking space for the new Foodtown Supermarket. The farmhouse was 100 years old this year, built in 1856 for **William E. Conover,** according to his grandson, William R. Conover of Manalapan.— *(Freehold, N. J. Transcript, July 5, 1956)*

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Recluse Bequeaths Money to Germany

One of the strangest wills ever probated in Lycoming County has been filed at the Court House. It was written by an 80-year-old recluse who was found dead September 4 in his house along the old Montoursville Road.

His name was **Robert S. Crownover.** It was sometimes spelled **"Cronover".**

He directed that the cash realized from the sale of his personal property, including guns, lumber and motors, be turned over to the German government. His will was signed April 2, 1946.

This provision added that "In case there be no available German Government, it shall go to the Government of Italy. In case no Italian Government be available, I direct that the said proceeds be paid to the Government of some one of the Axis Powers, to be chosen at the discretion of my executrix."

A daughter, formerly of this city and now of Philadelphia, was named as the executrix and was given a life interest in the remainder of the estate.

After her death, the will provides that the estate go to the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Williamsport Water Co. in equal shares. It says "This bequest I direct shall include the amount of realization upon my stamp collection and of my real estate."

There is no official estimate of the size of Mr. Crownover's estate but it is believed the value of cash, guns and antiques found in his residence will run to several thousand dollars.

It was understood today that Mr. Crownover traced his family in Lycoming County back to the Revolutionary War, when its earliest members were conspicuous in the West Branch Valley as Indian fighters and frontier scouts. —*(Williamsport, Pa. Sun-Gazette, Sept. 22, 1956)*

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Heads WAC Recruiting in New Jersey

SFC. **Lillian Conover,** daughter of Mrs. Beatrice Conover of New York Road, Conovertown, has been appointed non-commissioned officer in charge of recruiting for the Women's Army Corps in New Jersey.

Sgt. Conover is a native of New Jersey having been born and reared in Conovertown, a short distance from Absecon. She graduated from Pleasantville High School and has been in the military service since 1949. Until her assignment to the recruiting service, Sgt. Conover has been in various fields of company work in the Army and ultimately rose to the position of first sergeant of the WAC Detachment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington. During this tour of duty in the nation's Capitol, she was privileged to attend a tea party in the Blair House with former President Harry S. Truman and also a lawn party at the White House with President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Initially aspiring to become a teacher, Sgt. Conover found she was unable to pursue this career at the time. She is quick to point out, however, that while in service she has realized this ambition, and feels the military way of life is as challenging a new career as is available to young women. — *(Pleasantville, N. J. Press, April 11, 1957)*

Recognition for 30 Years of Service

Arthur V. Conover, Freehold, received recognition from Joseph E. McLean, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Conservation and Economic Development, for completion of 30 years of service for the State of New Jersey.—*(Freehold, N. J. Transcript, May 16, 1957)*

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Receives College Degree

Fred S. Conover, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Conover, Gordon's Corner Road, Englishtown, received a bachelor of science degree on June 10 at the 170th annual commencement exercises held on Williamson Field at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa. Mr. Conover, who majored in marketing, participated in football in his first three years at college and was a member of the Dramatic Club; Alpha Delta Sigma, honorary advertising fraternity; Phi Alpha Theta, honorary history fraternity, and Phi Kappa Psi, social fraternity. He was graduated from Jamesburg High School in 1953 and has accepted an accounting position with Joseph Horne Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.—*(Freehold, N. J. Transcript, June 20, 1957)*

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Heads Carpenter's Union

Ira P. Conover, Manasquan, Friday night was elected president of Local 2250, Monmouth County Carpenters' Union, at a meeting in Carpenters' Hall here.—*(Red Bank, N. J. Register, July 3, 1957)*

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Named to State Group

NEWARK — The appointment of **Edwin R. Conover** of Red Bank Savings and Loan Association to the competitive practices committee of the New Jersey Savings and Loan League, was announced here last night. Roland Lewan, chairman of the board of the state organization, appointed the nine-member group.

The committee to which Mr. Conover has been named deals with the study of competitive practices as between savings and loan associations and other types of financial institutions with a view to keeping competitive irritations at a minimum.

"This committee has enjoyed a great deal of success in the past," Lewan said. "And it is in no small way responsible for the reasonably satisfactory relationship that exists between the bankers and the savings and loan people of our state."

Mr. Conover is president of the Red Bank Savings and Loan Association. He will serve on the committee for the next year.—*(Red Bank, N. J. Register, July 3, 1957)*

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Large Estate Will Probated

The will of **Mrs. Helena S. Conover,** which disposed of an estate valued at $150,000, has been admitted to probate by Deputy Surrogate Mary C. Murphy, it was learned yesterday.

Under the terms of the will, one-fourth of the residuary estate will be shared by a sister, Mrs. Abbie F. Ross of Haddon Heights; a great niece, Mrs. Helena S. Coughlin of Barrington, and a great nephew, James R. Slemmer of Westmont.

The other three-fourths of the residue will go in equal shares to the above-named relatives in addition to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Conover, Jr. of 516 N. Connecticut Ave. Conover, who is a civil engineer employed by the city, is a nephew by marriage of the deceased.

Specific bequests included $2,000 to the Women's Association of the First Presbyterian Church and $1,000 to the American Red Cross.

Allen B. Endicott, 3rd was named as executor of the estate.—*(Atlantic City, N. J. Press, July 4, 1957)*

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Awarded a National Scholarship

Margaret Jayne Conover, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Clarence B. Conover of Absecon, has been awarded a national scholarship by the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church. She is a Biology major at Western Maryland College and will receive the Bachelor of Arts degree next June. Miss Conover is a graduate of Central High School of Trenton and received a one-year tuition scholarship from Trenton College Club. Active in the life of the campus, she serves on the Freshman Advisory Council, is a member and secretary of the Sigma Sigma Tau Sorority, historian of Beta Beta Beta national honorary biological society, an associate member of The Argonauts, a local honor society and serves on the staff of the Aloha, the student annual year book. —*(Atlantic City Press, August 21, 1957)*

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Teaches Air Safety Course

Donald Conover of 215 Grove Street, returned Friday from the University of Illinois at Champaign, where he completed a course in teaching of the so-called "180-degree rating", designed to save the lives of pilots caught in bad weather by showing them how to turn their planes around without losing control of the aircraft.

Conover instructs at Somerset Airport, Bedminster, where he will be available to teach the system to any pilot. He said about five hours of flight time is involved, plus some ground instruction.

Conover attended the course as part of a campaign by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association to eliminate the type of accidents caused by pilots without adequate instrument training who inadvertently fly into bad weather and crash when they lose control of the plane trying to get turned around without being able to see the ground.

The type of accident every year accounts for a high percentage of general aviation crack-ups, Conover said.

Tuition and living expenses at the university are paid by the association. Conover was the 42nd instructor to take the course. The program calls for one qualified instructor in each state to teach private pilots and plane owners.—*(Somerset, N. J. Messenger-Gazette, January 23, 1958)*

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Kouwenhoven Sets Miami 440 Mark

Pete Kouwenhoven, one of Millburn High School's greatest track men and last year a member of the All-American High School track team, has landed on the track scene at Miami University in Florida with spectacular performances that have fans there raving.

Though he's been at the sports conscious school less than three months (he began with the second semester), Pete already has smashed the university record for the quarter mile, which was his specialty at Millburn, and has showed sprinting form which has sent rumors of his ability echoing through schools all over the south.

Pete blazed through a 48.5 seconds 440 in a recent Miami meet with the Quantico Marines. He did it in the freshman race, for as a first year man he is not yet eligible for varsity competition. The varsity quarter mile in that same meet was hardly worth mention after Kouwenhoven's eye-opener.

On top of his cinder burning 440, Pete has raced through a 220 in 21 seconds flat, good enough to rank with the best in any big college meet, and is reported to have torn through 100 yards in practice in 9.6 seconds.

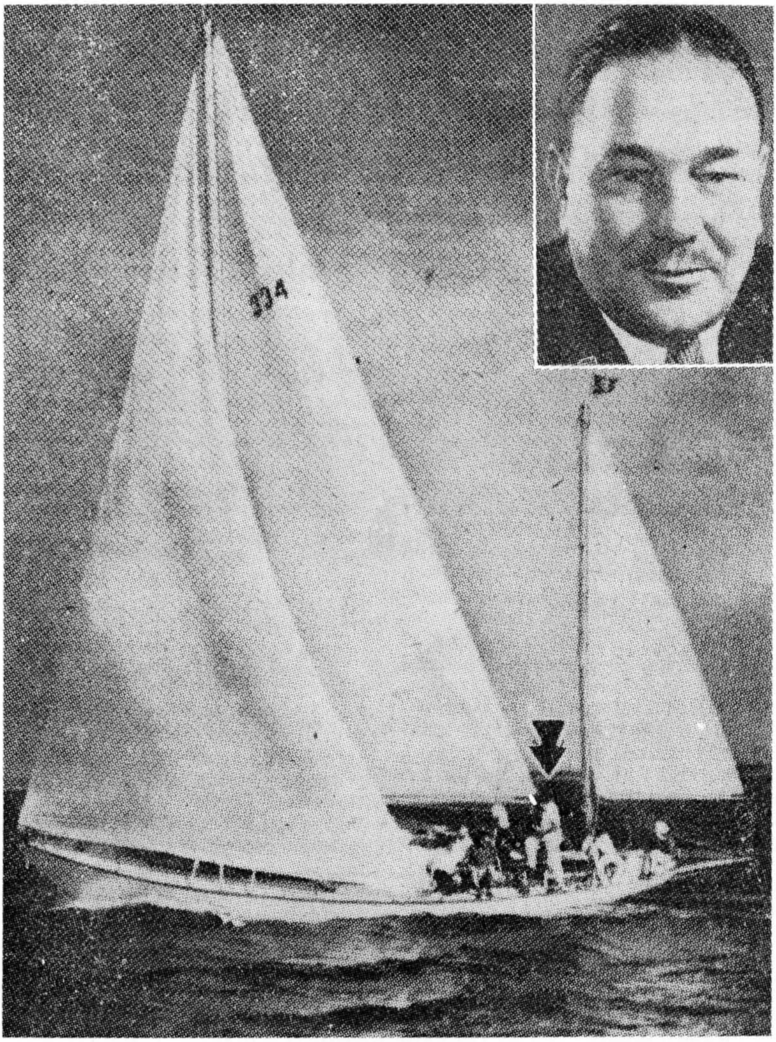
The local youth won Suburban Conference and state 440 or sprint championships three years running while wearing the Blue and White. He holds the Millburn High, Suburban Conference and New Jersey Group II 440 records. As a junior at Millburn he was entered in the sprints instead of the quarter, and swept the two dash events in the conference meet.

By virtue of the oddity that the two best 440 high school runners in the country last year were from New Jersey, Pete was not picked as the best at the distance in this state by the coaches' committee. It chose Don Davies of Tenafly, who was beaten by Pete the only time the two met. Pete, however, got the nod from a national magazine which picked the nation's best high school runners.

He was, in addition to being a standout on the track, a mainstay on the Millburn High football team which two years ago won the Group II, section II and Suburban Conference championships. —*(Millburn and Short Hills, N. J. Item, April 3, 1958)*

(Ed. Note: Pete is the son of Mr. and Mrs Arthur B. Kouwenhoven of Short Hills, N. J. Mr. Kouwenhoven is a Vice-President of Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.)

Conover Family Lost in Sea Disaster



The 45-foot two-masted racing yawl Revonoc and its owner Harvey Conover, indicated by arrow and in upper right corner of picture.

MIAMI, FLA., Jan. 6 (UP)—**Harvey Conover** of Mamaroneck, N. Y., sportsman-publisher, and four other persons were missing in wind-lashed seas off the southern coast of Florida today in a 45-foot racing yawl.

Two other boats were missing and another was in danger of capsizing in the stormy seas.

The Coast Guard said Mr. Conover's two-masted yawl, Revonoc, was sailing from Key West to Miami last Thursday when she apparently was caught in near hurricane winds from the worst mid-winter storm in the history of south Florida.

Mr. Conover, 65 years old, is president of the Conover-Mast Publications of New York. He also is the publisher of a number of technical magazines, including Aviation Age and Yachting.

Also aboard were his wife, Dorothy, 60; his son, Lawrence, 27; Lawrence's wife, Laury, 25, and William Fluegelman, 29, of Scarsdale, N. Y., a member of N. Fluegelman Co., Inc., a New York textile converting concern. Mr. Fluegelman's father, Milton, is president of the textile firm.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the Conover yacht stopped briefly in Key West Thursday morning to disembark Mr. Fluegelman's wife, Sherry, 27, who had become ill. Mrs. Fluegelman later returned to Miami and was staying with relatives who arrived here from New York.

Coast Guard planes and surface craft fanned out over an area from Jupiter Inlet to Key West yesterday without finding any trace of the missing boats. The search was extended today despite the rough weather. Small craft warnings were displayed along the coast.

Mr. Conover won the Distinguished Service Cross, French Croix de Guerre and other medals during his service in World War I. In 1948 he was summoned by the Air Force to help in planning the Berlin airlift.

He recently completed a 11,700-mile voyage in the Revonoc from Nassau to Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Lawrence Conover is also an experienced sailor, a former president of the Intercollegiate Sailing Association and 1951 national champion in the 110 Class. Besides Mrs. Gagney, the Conover's have two other children, Harvey Conover, Jr. of Arlington Heights, Ill., and Mrs. Charles Kingsley of Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

The Revonoc is a shoal-draft yawl built last June by Robert Derektor in Mamaroneck from Sparkman-Stephens designs. She is fitted with an auxiliary diesel engine, aluminum mast, roller reefing for trimming sails in heavy weather, and an automatic pilot.

MAMARONECK, N. Y., Jan. 6 — Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Conover, who live here at 1251 Flagler Drive, sailed their new yawl Revonoc, a name that is Conover spelled backward, to Miami in October, then flew north. They returned to Miami on Dec. 20 and left New Year's Day for a sail around Key West, intended to return to Miami last Saturday and fly home yesterday.

Mr. Conover is a former commodore of the Cruising Club of America, the Larchmont Yacht Club and the Swedish American Sailing Association. His wife is a former president of Westchester County League of Women Voters and is active in Republican and planning organizations.

They have another son, Harvey Conover, Jr. of Chicago, and two daughters, Mrs. Richard A. Gagney of Larchmont and Mrs. Charles Kingsley of Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Conover have two daughters, Mary and Leslie.

The younger Mr. Fluegelman had served in the Coast Guard with Larry Conover during the Korean War.— *(New York Times, January 7, 1958)*

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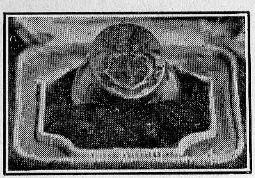

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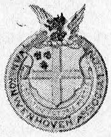

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held at

THE PRINCETON INN, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1958

The **morning session** was called to order by President Louis W. Conover at 11:20. About 120 members were present.

Rev. Dr. Garrett M. Conover, one of the founders of the Association and was present at the first reunion, was present and was welcomed by the President.

The minutes of the Spring meeting of the Executive Council held on April 19, 1958 were not read since they were to be printed in the next issue of the Family Bulletin.

The President thanked the Reunion Committee, Donald V. N. Conover, Chairman, for the splendid manner in which the meeting arrangements had been handled, and also expressed regret that our Genealogist, Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, was unable to attend this meeting.

The President then spoke of the importance of the family, as a unit in our everyday living. He urged that every effort be made to increase the membership of the Association and expressed the opinion that a thousand members would be a possibility within a few years. He suggested that a family genealogy would be very desirable and hoped that the accumulated data held by the Association would be used for such a purpose. He referred to the great expense of such a project and the need to raise funds and suggested that consideration might be given sometime to raising the dues to five dollars a year.

Constitution and By-Laws. Walter H. Kitchel, Chairman of this Committee, reported that amended Constitution and By-Laws were ready for consideration by the Council at its next meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, made her report as follows:

Balance on hand, April 19, 1958	$792.50	
Dues received to date	76.00	
Total		$868.50
Paid out — for flowers		28.36
Balance on hand, June 28, 1958		$840.14

Nominating Committee. Walter W. Conover, Chairman, read the report and after acceptance the following officers and trustees were unanimously elected:

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Mrs. Walter H. Kitchel, Plainfield, N. J.

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The retiring President then introduced our newly-elected President, Mr. Leon Conover, and presented him with the gavel of authority.

Kouwenhoven-Conover-Schenck Cemetery Committee. Mrs. Clarence Dawley, Chairman, reported that very satisfactory progress was being made toward achieving the family objective of restoring the old family cemetery at Holmdel, N. J.

The meeting was then adjourned at 11:50 for luncheon.

The Afternoon Session. Retiring President Louis W. Conover introduced The Honorable Raymond F. Male, Mayor of Princeton, who is a member of the Association. The Mayor cordially welcomed the Family to Princeton.

Mrs. Catherine B. Wood of Princeton, then discussed some noted Conovers of the past and displayed some very well preserved newspapers which documented the activities of such Conovers.

The newly-elected officers and trustees were then introduced.

A very impressive memorial service for members who had died during the past two years was conducted by Capt. Willis C. Conover and Mrs. Walter W. Conover. The flowers used at the memorial service were sent to Mr. William R. Conover, Star Route, Freehold, N. J., as an expression of sympathy because of an accident which prevented his attending the meeting.

Miss Mida C. Blake gave an account of her recent trip to Holland which was made particularly interesting through the use of color slides and music.

The meeting was closed at 3:40 P.M.

Walter H. Kitchel, Secretary.

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Report of the Executive Council's Fall (1958) Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1958, AT PRINCETON INN
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

The meeting was called to order by the President at 11:10 A.M. There were in attendance thirteen Council members, namely: Leon Conover, President; Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, 1st Vice President; Walter H. Kitchel, 2nd Vice President; Donald V. N. Conover, Secretary; Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies; Herbert T. Conover, Editor of Family Bulletin; and the following Trustees: Mrs. Aurilla C. Maps (1959), Mrs. R. A. Abrahamson (1960), Mrs. Walter H. Kitchel (1960), Mrs. Carl F. Yaeger (1960), Wilson N. Conover (1961) and Mrs. Clarence Dawley (1961). There were also eight guests present.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, gave her report which shows a balance on hand as of October 11, 1958 of $999.18. A copy of this report in detail is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom, having serious illness in the family, could not be present to give her Membership and Genealogical report in person; however, Miss Mida C. Blake presented the written report as prepared by Mrs. Rundstrom, which lists nine names being presented for membership.

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Historian's Report. Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven could not be present to give her report; however, the President had a letter read from a Miss Marguerite Francis regarding an unframed photograph that she would like to present to the Association. The photograph is that of a "Conover Farm", near Freehold, N. J. The Secretary then read a letter that he had written to a Mr. E. V. Collins of Bantam, Conn., regarding a very old patent paper that was granted to a Conover and was signed by President Monroe. Mr. Collins wishes to present this paper to our Association and the Secretary suggested that this paper be placed with the Monmouth County Historical Society in Freehold, N. J. It was agreed by the Council members that these two letters be turned over to the Historian for proper consideration and follow-up of this important matter.

Desecration of Old Conover Cemetery. The President opened for discussion the matter of desecration of abandoned cemeteries, namely that which was done on the Conover Cemetery on the Wells property in New Brunswick, N. J.; said property now owned by the N. B. Preparatory School. This matter was brought to our attention by a letter from Mr. Louis B. Mainey and the Secretary read a letter in reply regarding this matter by Mr. Walter H. Kitchel. After much consideration it was agreed that there was little our Association could do and that proper police action should have been taken by local residents at the time. It was agreed by a motion being made by Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley and seconded by Mr. Leon Conover, that our Secretary contact the Police Department of New Brunswick to state our stand in this matter and advising them that we hope local authorities will take action to prevent further desecration of abandoned cemeteries.

Kouwenhoven-Conover-Schenck Cemetery. Mrs. Clarence Dawley reported that she will contact Mr. Greenwall, who now owns the land, regarding arrangements for cleaning the grounds and we hope to arrange for permanent tenure of this cemetery.

Agent for Supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover stated that she had sold $38.50 worth since her last report. It was also ascertained that about 50 copies of our present Tract are available.

Tract Committee. No report was available from the Tract Committee and consideration of the present tract was discussed and our President appointed a new Tract Committee as follows: Herbert T. Conover, Chairman; Walter H. Kitchel and Arthur B. Kouwenhoven.

Cemetery Committee. The President also appointed a Cemetery Committee as follows: Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley, Chairman; Wilson N. Conover and Walter H. Kitchel.

Reunion Committee: There being no Reunion Committee in effect at this time, it was felt pertinent to appoint one, as their work has to be done well ahead of our date set for the Reunion. A committee for this was appointed by the President as follows: Clarence C. Blazure, Chairman; Walter H. Kitchel and Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley.

Flowers for Deceased Members. New business for discussion was possible confusion regarding sending flowers for deceased members, as reported by Herbert T. Conover. After consideration and discussion it was agreed that there was little that could be done, other than have Herbert T. Conover act as Chairman as he has access to many news sources and should have first news of deceased members. He would then contact members living near the deceased member to send flowers for the Association.

Herbert T. Conover, Editor of the Family Bulletin, disclosed that our Bulletin would be published in November and will be a double issue and will contain the excellent index to all issues published to date as prepared by Walter H. Kitchel.

Mrs. Carl Yaeger suggested that we contact the Monmouth County Historical Society in regard to a Conover Family coat-of-arms to be presented to them for use with their Conover memorabilia. Our Secretary will turn this matter over to our Historian for consideration.

The President, after consultation with the Manager of the Princeton Inn, following discussion by the Council members, set Saturday, April 11, 1959 at 11:00 A.M., as the Spring Meeting date. Luncheon will be priced at $3.00.

The meeting was then adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Donald V. N. Conover, Secretary.

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Report of the Executive Council's Spring (1959) Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1959, AT PRINCETON INN
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

The meeting was called to order by the President, Leon Conover, at 11:10 A.M. There were in attendance seventeen Council members and nine guests, namely: Leon Conover, President; Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, 1st Vice President; Walter H. Kitchel, 2nd Vice President; Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer; Donald V. N. Conover, Secretary; Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies; Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian; Herbert T. Conover, Editor of Bulletin; Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Genealogist, and the following Trustees: Walter W. Conover (1959), Mrs. Frank Maps (1959), Mrs. R. A. Abrahamson (1960), Mrs. Walter H. Kitchel (1960), Wilson N. Conover (1961), Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley (1961) and Clarence Blazure (1961).

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, presented her report as of April 11, 1959, which shows a balance on hand of $1,176.96.

Genealogical and Membership Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman, presented the following applications for membership:

Mrs. Edward C. Kline, 1014 Wellington Road, Jenkintown, Pa.
E. V. Collins, Box 127, Bantam, Conn.
Alfred Swift Frabk, 944 Harman Avenue, Dayton 19, Ohio
Mrs. Roscoe H. Anderson, 20 Hurley Avenue, North Plainfield, N. J.
Mrs. Kenneth H. Alpaugh, Lebanon, N. J.
Mrs. Howard M. Blackwell, 282 Hazel Place, Union, N. J.

Historian's Report. Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian, gave a report of the work done by her, and much progress was reported. She showed our early minute books dating from 1904 and suggested that we should provide a lock-box or small safe in which to keep our valuable records.

Agent for Supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies, stated that she had plenty of supplies on hand. Donald V. N. Conover suggested that she have items on display at our next Reunion and it was further suggested that one table be for supplies and another table be used to display Conover items of interest.

Nominating Committee. There being no active Nominating Committee, the President appointed the following: Walter H. Kitchel, Chairman; Wilson N. Conover and Miss Mida C. Blake.

Kouwenhoven-Conover-Schenck Cemetery. Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley suggested another picnic be held at the Cemetery and she also reported that Wilson Conover and his son-in-law to be, had completely cleaned up the cemetery, cutting out the underbrush and cutting down the large trees, etc. All present gave high praise to Wilson Conover and a motion was made, seconded and passed that $25.00 be made available to the Cemetery Committee to be used to buy a gift for Floyd Walker in appreciation of his work at the cemetery and that the Secretary write a letter to Floyd Walker expressing the appreciation of the Association for his help in cleaning the cemetery.

Reunion Committee Report. Clarence Blazure, Chairman, said the Reunion will be held at the Methodist Church in Absecon, N. J. on Saturday, June 27, 1959. The ladies of the church will serve a turkey dinner. The Committee will meet at the home of Herbert T. Conover on the 26th of April to make final arrangements.

The meeting was then adjourned at 12:15 for luncheon.

The Council was reconvened at 2:00 P.M. and the first item of business was the report of the new Nominating Committee, in which they nominated the following members as Trustees whose terms will expire in 1962: Mrs. Frank Maps, Willis Conover, James F. Conover and Walter W. Conover.

Tract Committee Report. Herbert T. Conover, Chairman, reported that no new tracts had been printed as he had not been informed to do so, nor had any new tracts been made up. After much discussion, it was decided to make up new ones about the way the present one are with perhaps a form on the back for applicants to fill out and mail to the Membership Committee.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report. Walter H. Kitchel, Chairman, reported that the new Constitution and By-Laws were ready for presentation at our next annual meeting.

Family Bulletin. Herbert T. Conover, Editor of the Family Bulletin, reported that it will be in the mail about June 1st, and will be 48 pages and include the excellent index compiled by Walter H. Kitchel.

New business for discussion suggested by Mrs. Clarence Dawley was consideration of having our Reunions at different places each year if at all possible.

It helps get new members, keeps up the interest of the members and prevents us from "getting in a rut". She also said the next picnic at the cemetery would be on May 3rd.

The Secretary was authorized to obtain a fireproof box which would be used to keep valuable records and minutes of the meetings.

The Historian suggested that she start a scrapbook of important clippings of family affairs and that members send her clippings if they have any.

The President, after consultation with the Manager of the Princeton Inn, set Saturday, October 3, 1959 at 11:00 A.M., as the fall meeting date. The luncheon price to be $3.00. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Donald V. N. Conover, Secretary.

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329th Anniversary and 63rd Annual Reunion

of the

VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.

held at

ABSECON METHODIST CHURCH, ABSECON, NEW JERSEY

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1959

The morning was called to order by the President, Leon Conover, at 11:20 A.M. Walter H. Kitchel was appointed Acting Secretary in the absence of Donald V. N. Conover, Secretary.

There were 110 members and guests present, many coming from distant places including California, Louisiana, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York State and Connecticut.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, presented her report indicating a balance on hand as of June 27, 1959 of $662.60, and also read some of the interesting correspondence she had received during the year.

Membership and Genealogical Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman, reported that the papers of fourteen applicants were in her hands and that 58 papers were outstanding in the hands of applicants for completion.

Family Bulletin. Herbert T. Conover, Editor of the Bulletin, reported that the current issue of the Bulletin had been mailed and that the next issue would be published about the middle of May, 1960.

Kouwenhoven-Conover-Schenck Cemetery Committee. Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley, Chairman, reported that the cemetery had been very much improved through the efforts of Wilson N. Conover and Floyd Walker. She also was very hopeful that eventually the Association would acquire title to the cemetery at Holmdel, N. J.

By-Laws Committee. Walter H. Kitchel, Chairman, read the new By-Laws as approved by the Trustees and asked that the Association accept them. Motion made by Arthur B. Kouwenhoven and seconded by Mrs. Clarence Dawley to adopt the By-Laws as read, was carried.

Nominating Committee Report. Walter W. Conover, Chairman, read his report and after acceptance the following members were unanimously elected for a three year term: James F. Conover, Walter W. Conover, Willis Conover and Mrs. Frank J. Maps.

The Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, Walter H. Kitchel, moved that in accordance with the new By-Laws, the officers of the Association be elected as Trustees with their terms expiring as follows: in 1960, Leon Conover, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven and Walter H. Kitchel; in 1961, Miss Mida C. Blake, Donald V. N. Conover and Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven; in 1962, Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Mrs. Herbert T. Conover and Herbert T. Conover. The motion was carried. The Association now has 21 Trustees serving three years with seven being elected each year.

Mrs. Robert Abrahamson, Trustee, displayed a very interesting scrapbook relating principally to Conovertown, N. J.

Mrs. Ella Fleck of Stratford, Conn., spoke very highly about a book called "Going, Going, Gone", by Partridge, which should be of particular interest to Conovers because it deals with the early Dutch settlers.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M. to partake of a turkey dinner served by the ladies of the church.

The Afternoon Session. The meeting reconvened at 2:00 P.M. and the President introduced Rev. Harry B. Zane, pastor of the church, who welcomed the Family to the church and Absecon.

Richard Conover, accompanied by Kathleen Gaffney, sang three solos. The Family is fortunate in having such a gifted member and we look forward to the pleasure of hearing Richard again.

The Chairman of the Membership Committee, Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, introduced the new members.

Rev. Harry B. Zane, Mrs. Walter W. Conover and Mrs. James Conover (who came with her husband from New Orleans) conducted a very impressive memorial service. The flowers used in the ceremony were left in the church as a memorial to our departed members: Dr. Robert E. Scully, Mrs. James B. Edgar, Harry B. Conover and Nicholas N. D. Conover.

Rev. William Conover, Pastor of the Community Church, Linwood, N. J., was our speaker and his talk on the subject of "The Cross in the Coat-of-Arms" was one which will long be remembered by those present.

After singing the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds", the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Walter H. Kitchel, Acting Secretary.

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Report of the Executive Council's Fall (1959) Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1959, AT PRINCETON INN
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

The meeting was called to order by the President, Leon Conover, at 11:45 A.M. There were in attendance eighteen Council members and eight guests, namely: Leon Conover, President; Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, 1st Vice President; Walter H. Kitchel, 2nd Vice President; Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer; Donald V. N. Conover, Secretary; Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies; Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian; Herbert T. Conover, Editor of the Bulletin; Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Genealogist and Membership Chairman; Mrs. R. A. Abrahamson, Mrs. W. H. Kitchel, Mrs. D. Sifton, Mrs. Carl Yaeger, Wilson Conover, Mrs. C. Dawley, James Conover, Willis Conover and Mrs. Aurilla C.

Maps, Trustees; Mrs. Leon Conover, Mrs. A. Kouwenhoven, Mrs. J. Conover, Mrs. L. T. Blackwell, Mrs. V. N. Conover, Miss Janice Conover, Mrs. D. V. N. Conover and Mrs. W. Conover, Guests.

The President opened the meeting by all saying the Lord's Prayer, after which he read the cards of those who could not attend.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, reported a balance on hand as of October 3, of $742.90. A copy of this report in detail is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Membership and Genealogical Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman, presented the following applications for membership:

Mrs. W. C. Fahrner, 154 Leland Avenue, Plainfield, N. J.
Mrs. Celia Turner, 729 Harrison Avenue, Burlington, Iowa.
Mrs. Walter H. Grove, 19 Park Avenue, Pennington, N. J.
Mrs. Richard H. Whitby, 3 Pershing Avenue, Hightstown, N. J.
Edgar A. Conover, Sr., 329 West Church Street, Absecon, N. J.
Mrs. Edgar A. Conover, Sr., 329 West Church Street, Absecon, N. J.
L. C. Fuller (Alling & Cory Co.), 321 St. Clair Ave., N.W., Cleveland, Ohio
Mrs. J. Walter Ridley, 28 Barbara Court, Greenlawn, L. I., N. Y.
Wallace Lott Kouwenhoven, 193 W. 22nd St., Huntington Station, L. I., N. Y.
Mervin H. Smith, 2823 - 23rd Street, West, Seattle 99, Wash.
Mrs. Warren A. Walls, P.O. Box 1062, Warwick Station, Newport News, Va.
Arthur C. Conover, R.F.D. No. 2, Cape May Court House, N. J.
Mrs. Charles G. Wells, 3947 Carlisle Avenue, N. E., Canton, Ohio
David Beals Conover, Wallace Island, Ganges, British Columbia, Canada

The following members have been transferred to Ancestral Membership:

Sherman L. Conover, P.O. Box 531, Kenvil, N. J.
Mrs. Thomas C. Poulter, Jr., P.O. Box 531, Kenvil, N. J.
Mrs. Edward C. Kline, 1014 Wellington Road, Jenkintown, Pa.
Mrs. Roscoe H. Anderson, 20 Hurley Avenue, North Plainfield, N. J.
Mrs. Kenneth H. Alpaugh, Lebanon, N. J.
Mrs. Howard M. Blackwell, 282 Hazel Place, Union, N. J.
Mrs. Walter H. Grove, 19 Park Avenue, Pennington, N. J.

Historian's Report. Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian, reported that clippings have not been sent to her for the scrapbook. She also said that she had written to Mrs. Conover regarding the "Farm House" picture and reported that Mr. Collins was not at our Reunion and had not been contacted in regards to some patent papers that he thought he could present to our Association.

Agent for Supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies, reported she had sold supplies to the amount of $13.50 since her last report.

Family Bulletin. Herbert T. Conover, Editor, was given high praise for his fine publication of the last issue of the Family Bulletin. He reported that he is lacking the minutes of our last two meetings and upon receipt of same will prepare for the next issue of our Bulletin.

Reunion Committee. Much discussion was had concerning the Reunion Committee and Donald V. N. Conover suggested that the committee be appointed at the time of our Reunion so that it could work from then to our Fall Council meeting. At the Fall meeting they could report as to the place or places that are available to hold our Annual Reunion. The Council members would then select by vote the place in which to hold the Annual Reunion after which the committee will make the final arrangements and submit their final report at the Spring Council meeting. Willis Conover made Donald V. N. Conover's suggestion into a motion which was passed without question by all present.

Nominating Committee. The President selected a Nominating Committee for this year's election. Wilson Conover was made Chairman with Walter H. Kitchel and Arthur B. Kouwenhoven serving with him.

It was discussed that perhaps our Reunion should be early or late in the year to avoid hot weather, but all agreed it was best to continue with it being held in the end of June as usual. Arthur Kouwenhoven made a motion to that effect, which was passed by the Council.

Mrs. Clarence Dawley read a letter from Congressman Paul Schenck regarding the Kouwenhoven-Conover-Schenck Cemetery and she has written him to say that he is invited to visit us at any time.

Willis Conover offered to show an old Schenck house to anyone that contacts him and our President said he thought we should all visit as many cemeteries as we can.

Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven was elected as Chairman of the Publicity Committee for the Reunion.

Saturday, April 2, 1960, was set as the date for our Spring Council meeting to be held at the Princeton Inn, Princeton, N. J. The meeting was then adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Donald V. N. Conover, Secretary.

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Report of the Executive Council's Spring (1960) Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1960, AT PRINCETON INN
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

The meeting was called to order by the President, Leon Conover, at 11:15 A.M. There were in attendance fourteen Council members and eight guests, namely: Leon Conover, President; Donald D. Conover, Past President; Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer; Donald V. N. Conover, Secretary; Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies; Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian; Herbert T. Conover, Publication; Mrs. R. A. Abrahamson, Mrs. Dorothy Sifton, Mrs. Carl Yaeger, Mrs. Clarence Dawley, Wilson Conover, James Conover and Willis Conover, Trustees; Mrs. Leon Conover, Mrs. James Conover, Mrs. Wilson Conover, Mrs. Donald D. Conover, Mrs. Donald V. N. Conover, Mrs. Van Nest Conover, Miss Janice Conover and Mrs. Arthur Kouwenhoven, guests.

The President opened the meeting by silent prayer, after which the Secretary read the cards from those who could not attend. It was suggested and approved that all present sign their names to a letter to be sent to Rev. Garrett M. Conover of High Bridge, N. J., stating that we regret he was unable to be with us today, wishing him good health and although a bit late, a very happy 94th birthday.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, could not give her report as she had left all papers at home.

Membership and Genealogical Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman, could not be present; however, Miss Mida C. Blake presented the written report as prepared by Mrs. Rundstrom, which presented the following applications for membership:

Mrs. Frank E. Stehlick, 11 Birch Hill Drive, Whippany, N. J.
Mrs. Harold Taft Potter, 3405 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. John I. Roof, 911 North Gilmore Street, Kenton, Ohio
Miss Mildred Mitchell, 48 Colberg Avenue, Roslindale, Mass.
Richard Allan Conover, 471 Mountain Avenue, North Caldwell, N. J.
Mrs. Thomas S. Roberts, Roberts Road, New Monmouth, N. J.
Thomas S. Roberts, P.O. Box 8, New Monmouth, N. J.
Mrs. John R. Butler, 610 - 16th Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah

All of the above applications were accepted and approved for membership.

Historian's Report. Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian, reported that many newspaper clippings were being sent in without any dates. She presented very well organized files on clippings received and it was approved that clippings of the Family and of historical interest should be kept separate.

Agent for Supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies, reported just one family coat-of-arms sold since the last report.

Kouwenhoven-Conover-Schenck Cemetery Report. Mrs. Clarence Dawley,, Chairman, reported continued progress, we having permission to cut down trees and she suggested that we consider a fund to provide a fence around the cemetery.

Mrs. Dawley is arranging for a picnic at the cemetery on May 15th, all to meet at 12 noon at the home of Wilson Conover, Holmdel, N. J. She will send out notices.

Conover Family Bulletin. Herbert T. Conover, Editor, reported that the next issue will be out around the first week in May. He also showed to those present another family bulletin being issued in the Salt Lake City area called the "Richardson Shuttle" in which many references are made of "Conovers".

Nominating Committee Report. Wilson Conover, Chairman, made the report and listed the following nominations, which were approved by those present:

President, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, Short Hills, N. J.
1st Vice President, Walter H. Kitchel, Plainfield, N. J.
2nd Vice President, Donald V. N. Conover, Somerville, N. J.
Treasurer, Miss Mida C. Blake, Pleasantville, N. J.
Secretary, Miss Janice Conover, Somerville, N. J.
Historian, Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Northport, L. I., N. Y.
Membership Committee, Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Absecon, N. J.
Agent for Supplies, Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Morristown, N. J.
Trustees, Charles P. Conover, Gladstone, N. J.
    Mrs. Dorothy Sifton, New York City
    Arthur Kouwenhoven, Short Hills, N. J.
    Walter H. Kitchel, Plainfield, N. J.
    Mrs. Joseph C. Ely, Plainfield, N. J.
    Mrs. R. A. Abrahamson, Absecon, N. J.
    Mrs. Walter H. Kitchel, Plainfield, N. J.

Reunion Committee Report. Wilson Conover, Chairman, reported that our 64th Annual Reunion will be held on June 18, 1960, at the Old Tennent Church, near Freehold, N. J.

Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven suggested that we plan to have a meeting at the World's Fair to be held in New York in 1964, or at least have something on display somewhere on the grounds.

Saturday, October 8, 1960, was the date set for our Fall Council meeting at the Princeton Inn, Princeton, N. J.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Donald V. N. Conover, Secretary.

The Amended By-Laws

of the

VAN KOUWENHOVEN - CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.

(Amended to June 27, 1959)

ARTICLE I — Membership

Section 1. Persons of good standing who are in sympathy with the purposes of the Association and who subscribe to its principles shall, upon being accepted as members of the Association, enjoy the rights and privileges which their class of membership confers upon them.

Section 2. Classes of Membership — The Association shall have the following classes of membership:

a. Ancestral membership for those who, without regard to age, are qualified by direct lineal descent from Wolfert Gerretsen Van Kouwenhoven and whose records have been properly certified by the Genealogist.

b. Associate membership for those who are at least eighteen years of age and who are not qualified for ancestral membership but, because of relationship to ancestral members, are deemed acceptable.

c. Life membership for members who have passed their 90th birthdays.

d. Honorary membership for those who have achieved distinction in affairs so as to reflect great credit upon the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family.

Election to membership shall require a majority vote of the Board of Trustees except that a unanimous vote shall be required for election to honorary membership. The right to vote and hold office is automatically conferred upon all associate members in good standing and, upon ancestral members upon reaching the age of eighteen; honorary membership shall not include such privileges. Any membership may be revoked by the majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. Dues shall be payable annually on the first day of July of each year in an amount established by the Board of Trustees and shall be used in furtherance of the purposes of the Association. Ancestral (under the age of eighteen), life and honorary members shall not be required to pay dues.

Section 4. Delinquency — If any ancestral or associate member, except as noted below, shall fail to pay his dues a written notice of delinquency shall be mailed to him by the Treasurer. If he remains delinquent his membership, including all rights and privileges, shall become suspended pending payment of his dues. The Board of Trustees shall have the authority to suspend payment of dues in known hardship cases.

Section 5. Termination of Membership — The resignation, revocation or death of a member shall terminate his membership. Termination of membership shall work a forfeiture of all interest of a member in and to the property of the Assocation, and the member shall thereafter have no right thereto or any part thereof.

ARTICLE II — Meetings

Section 1. The annual meetings of the Association, the Fall and Spring meetings of the Board of Trustees, and any special meetings which may be called shall be held at such times and places as may be determined by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Quorum — Twenty-five voting members shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Association and eight trustees shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. Notices — Members of the Association and of the Board of Trustees shall be given notice by mail at least ten days before meeting dates.

Section 4. Resolutions — A resolution offered at any meeting must be in writing.

ARTICLE III — Board of Trustees

Section 1. The government of the Association, the direction of its work, and the control of its property shall be vested in a Board of Trustees consisting of twenty-one members, one-third of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting for a term of three years. All past presidents of the Association shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees with power to vote.

ARTICLE IV — Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association, whose duties are outlined below, shall be chosen from the membership of the Board of Trustees and shall be elected by the members of the Association for two-year terms. The President and Vice Presidents shall be ancestral members.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Trustees. He shall appoint all committees and shall be an ex-officio member of the committees. He shall fill all vacancies as to trustees and officers.

Section 3. The First and Second Vice Presidents in turn are empowered to preside over meetings for the purpose of carrying on the regular business of the Association in the absence of the President, and, in the absence of the three officers named, a member of the Board of Trustees shall be chosen for this purpose. Such temporary chairmen may carry out such other duties of the President as he may delegate to them. If by reason of death, illness or resignation the President shall be unable to carry out the duties and responsibilities of his office, the Board of Trustees shall authorize the First and Second Vice Presidents in turn to assume all of the duties of the President as defined in Article IV — Officers, Section 2, for such length of time as may be deemed appropriate.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Association. He shall be the custodian of all funds of the Association and shall report thereon at meetings of the Trustees and at the annual meetings of the Association. No disbursements of the funds of the Association, except in payment of routine services and supplies, shall be made unless the same have been approved and authorized by the Board of Trustees. All disbursements shall be made by check and a full statement thereof shall be submitted for review at each Board of Trustees meeting.

Section 5. The Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence, preserve all books, documents and communications, and maintain an accurate record of the proceedings of the Association. At the expiration of his term of office, he shall deliver to the Association all books, papers, and other property of the Association.

Section 6. The Genealogist shall receive, examine and compile all lines of Family descent which may be presented and report thereon to the Board of Trustees and at annual meetings of the Association.

Section 7. The Historian shall have custody of all material of interest to the Family other than that printed in the Family Bulletin. He shall also maintain a file of the Family Bulletins.

Section 8. The Agent of Supplies shall sell to members Family pins, stationery and such other articles as may be considered by the Board of Trustees to be appropriate.

Section 9. The Editor shall publish the Family Bulletin and such other printed matter as may be required.

ARTICLE V — Committees

Section 1. There shall be three standing committees: Membership, Nominating and Reunion, and such special committees as may be required. The Nominating Committee shall submit its slate of trustees and officers at the Spring meeting of the Board of Trustees for approval and at the annual meeting of the Association for action. Additional nominations may be presented by any voting member at the annual meeting of the Association. All other committees shall report, upon request, at meetings of the Association and of the Board of Trustees. All projects to be undertaken by the special committees shall be clearly defined by the Board of Trustees or, in interims between meetings of the Board of Trustees, by the President.

ARTICLE VI — Parliamentary Procedure

Section 1. The rules of parliamentary procedure as laid down in "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern all meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE VII — Amendments

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended or altered by a two-thirds vote of those present at any Board of Trustees meeting at which there is a quorum present, providing notice of the proposed change or changes shall have been mailed by the Secretary to each member of the Board not less than ten days prior to any such meeting.

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Recent Events in the Family Circle

BIRTHS

Beverly Lynne Conover, born May 15, 1958, to Mr. and Mrs. Berkley M. Conover of Route 28, North Branch, N. J. Born prematurely, weighing only 2 pounds, 3 ounces, she spent 3 months in an incubator in the Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J., before going home.

Kimberley Conover, born August 27, 1958, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Conover of Suffern, N. Y.

Thomas Leon Conover, born July 11, 1958 in Fitkin Hospital, Neptune, N. J., to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ellard Conover of 12 Third Street, Freehold, N. J.

Leslie Brown, born December 31, 1958, to Nolan R. and Jean Gillespie Brown of Tigard, Oregon.

Thomas Charles Poulter, III, born July 2, 1958, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Charles Poulter, Jr. of 869 Sharon Court, Palo Alto, Calif., at St. Clare's Hospital, Denville, N. J. Mrs. Poulter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Conover of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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MARRIAGES

Barbara Jean Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hoyt, Jr. of Norfolk, Va., and Robert Harry Sawyer, torpedoman 2C, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Sawyer of North Sebago, Maine, were married August 15, 1959, in the Middle Street Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., by the Rev. Gordon A. Gilbert, pastor of the church.

The bride graduated from Pleasantville, N. J. High School in 1954, and from Rodford College, Rodford, Va., in 1958. She was a physical education teacher at Harris Elementary School, Key West, Fla. Her husband, a graduate of Portsmouth High School in 1954, is serving in the submarine service, stationed aboard the USS Bang in New London, Conn.

Carl Edward Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Conover of Laurel Drive, New Providence, N. J., and Beverly Ann Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Thomas of Boulevard, Kenilworth, N. J., were married on October 3, 1959, at St. Theresa's Church. The Rev. Michael Hudak performed the ceremony.

Carol Ann Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Mattocks Conover of 307 Caspian Ave., and Eugene Charles Wahl, III. son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Charles Wahl of 53 Tunis Ave., Pleasantville, N. J., were married August 24, 1958, in Westminster Presbyterian Church by Rev. Howard Shimer.

Dolores A. Conover, niece of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Simmons of 318 Rock Ave., and Morman Leonard Pryce, son of William L. Pryce of New York City, were married September 7, 1958, in the

Bethel Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, N. J. The Rev. George B. Christian officiated.

The bride attended Dunellen High School. The bridegroom was graduated from Central High School of Needle Trades in New York and is employed by the Erie Railroad.

Donald V. N. Conover, son of Mrs. Van Nest Conover of 215 Grove Street, Somerville, N. J. and the late Mr. Conover, and Louise D. Dilley, daughter of Mrs. Raymond R. Dilley of 109 North Middaugh Street, Somerville, and the late Mr. Dilley, Sr., were married June 20, 1959, in the First Methodist Church, Somerville, with the Rev. Harold B. Wright, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Conover attended Whitehouse schools and Somerville High School. She was a private secretary 21 years for the late Garrett W. Van Cleef, an insurance agent in Somerville. Mr. Conover, who spent four years in the Army Signal Corps, attended Somerville High School, Guilmont Organ School of New York, and Rutgers Horticultural School. He operates the Conover Pipe Organ Service and is an instrument flight instructor at Somerset Airport, Pluckemin, N. J. He is secretary of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Gail L. Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conover of Sked Street, Pennington, N. J., and George Malsbury, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Malsbury of Blawenburg, N. J., were married June 27, 1959, in the Blawenburg Reformed Church by the Rev. James I. Cook. The couple will reside in Hopewell, N. J.

Garrett E. Conover, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett E. Conover of Verona, N. J., and Dianne Rice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meldon F. Rice of Bernardston Road, Greenfield, Mass., were married December 23, 1959, in Greenfield.

The bride, a graduate of Greenfield High School, received her B.S. degree from Springfield College and is a teacher in the Burlington, Vt. School System. Mr. Conover, a graduate of Verona High School, received his B.A. degree from the University of Vermont. He served as a lieutenant (jg) in the Navy and is now a sales representative for Gulf Oil Corp.

Harry Conover of Bordentown, N. J., and Sandra Hall of Hamilton Square, N. J., were married July 11, 1959, in the Hamilton Square Presbyterian Church.

H. Curtis Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Conover of 408 Delaware Ave., Absecon, N. J., and Dorothy E. Hayden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman P. Hayden of 125 Davis Ave., Absecon, were married April 5, 1959, in the Absecon Methodist Church, with the Rev. Harry B. Zane, pastor, officiating.

The bride is employed at the Atlantic City Electric Co., and the bridegroom is in business with his father at Conover's Service Station, Absecon.

Herbert W. Conover of York Road, Hightstown, N. J., and Charlotte B. Stafford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Stafford of Hightstown, were married September 5, 1959, in the First Presbyterian Church, Hightstown, by the Rev. David Muyskens.

Judith Ann Conover, daughter of Mrs. Anna Conover of Tainter Street and Austin Conover of Highland Ave., Gladstone, N. J., and James Olsen of South Bound Brook, N. J., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olsen, were married May 2, 1959, in St. Brigid's Church by the Rev. George Everitt, pastor.

The bride is a graduate of Bernards High School, Bernardsville, N. J., and is an operator at the Bell Telephone Company. The bridegroom was graduated from Bound Brook High School and served three years in the Navy. He is employed by David Delnegro, Middlesex contractor.

Lillian Barbara Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sickles of School Street, Marlboro, N. J., and James Philip Burckard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Burckard of 1002 Heck Street, Asbury Park, N. J., were married August 30, 1958, at a nuptial mass in St. John's Church, Marlboro. The bride was graduated from Freehold,

N. J. High School and was employed in the office of A. & M. Karagueshian, Inc., Freehold.

The bridegroom graduated from Asbury Park High School, attended Monmouth Junior College for two years and has been in the U. S. Air Force for two years. He is a third year engineering student at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Richard DeMott Conover, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Conover of Lebanon, N. J., and Patricia Allen Smith, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Hickman Smith of North Wales, Pa., and Lt. Col. J. Francis Smith, were married December 26, 1959, in the Unitarian Church of Germantown, Pa. The Rev. Max Dasham, pastor, officiated.

The bride graduated from Frankfurt American High School (Frankfurt, Germany) and is a senior at the University of Michigan. Mr. Conover is a graduate of North Hunterdon Regional High School and received his B.S. degree at Rutgers University. He is presently working for his M.S. and PhD. in psychology at the University of Maryland and is Research Assistant at the University. The newlyweds will live at College Park, Md.

Rodney Gilpin Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Conover of Bergenfield, N. J., and Jessica Julia Wert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Wert, Sr. of Harding Township, N. J., were married August 16, 1958, in the Baptist Church, Millington, N. J., and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Harry B. Morris and Alfred Kuntz, director of the Pocket Testament League.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Conover are graduates of Shelton College. They plan to reside in North Arlington where Mr. Conover will teach in the high school.

William Reid Conover, III, son of William Reid Conover, II and the late Mrs. Lillian Treat Conover of Barkalow Avenue, Freehold, N. J., and Rosetta Townsend Annin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bell Annin of 4 Catherine Avenue, Middletown, N. J., were married August 2, 1958, in Christ Church, Shrewsbury, N. J. The Rev. Theodore E. A. LeVan officiated.

The bride was graduated from the Buxton School and attended Guilford and Monmouth Colleges. Mr. Conover attended St. Bernard's Preparatory School and Freehold High School. He now attends Monmouth College and is employed by Catalin Corporation of America, in Fords, N. J.

Mrs. Charles F. Conover, daughter of Mrs. Henry C. Tilton of Latona Ave., Trenton, N. J. and the late Mr. Tilton, and George B. Hogg, Jr. of Highland Ave., Maplewood, N. J., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hogg, were married June 6, 1959, in Covenant Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Allan R. Winn officiated.

The bride is the former Mary Tilton, and is a graduate of William McKinley Hospital School of Nursing. The bridegroom is employed by Esso Standard Oil Co. of Elizabeth, N. J.

Constance Mae Danser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Young Danser of Cranbury, N. J., and Frederick S. Struve, III, son of Mrs. Frederick S. Struve, Jr. and the late Mr. Struve of Cherry Valley Road, were married on June 7, 1959, at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford L. Conover of Hightstown, N. J. The Rev. Roger A. Kvam, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury, officiated.

The bride is a graduate of Hightstown High School and is a member of the class of 1959 at Douglass College, New Brunswick, N. J. The bridegroom will begin his senior class studies at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, in September. He is an alumnus of Princeton High School.

Dorothy Carol DuBois, daughter of Mrs. Robert Conover DuBois and the late Mr. DuBois of 757 Austin Street, Westfield, N. J., formerly of Freehold, and Dana Franklin Edelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albin Edelman of 620 Knoll Road, Boonton Manor, were married September 6, 1958, in the Presbyterian Church of Westfield, with Dr. Frederick E. Christian, pastor, officiating.

The bride was graduated from Westfield Senior High School and Greenbriar College, Lewisburg, W. Va., and is employed by the Palnut Company, Mountainside. The bridegroom is a graduate of Boonton High School and received his bachelor of mechanical degree in August from General Motors Institute, Flint, Mich.

Peter Kouwenhoven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Kouwenhoven of 35 Exeter Road, Short Hills, N. J., and Sue Veach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George William Veach of Adairsville, Ga., were married June 14, 1959, in the home of the bride's parents by the Rev. Jack Roebuck.

The bridegroom's father is 1st Vice President of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Conover, Sr. of Dutch Neck, N. J., recently observed their 50th wedding anniversary. — *(Princeton Packet, June 5, 1958)*

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Conover of Center Street, Annandale, N. J., observed their 25th wedding anniversary on July 15, 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Conover of Conovertown, N. J., observed their 40th wedding anniversary on August 17, 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Barzilla Conover of Lebanon, N. J., observed their 50th wedding anniversary on October 21, 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Apgar of Clinton, N. J., observed their 50th wedding anniversary on October 24, 1958. Mr. Apgar is a son of the late Howard and Bertha Conover Apgar.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Voorhees of Lebanon, N. J., observed their 50th wedding anniversary on November 5, 1958. Mrs. Voorhees is a daughter of the late Elias and Ann Conover.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Conover of Star Route, Freehold, N. J., observed their 60th wedding anniversary on December 14, 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Kouwenhoven of 35 Exeter Road, Short Hills, N. J., observed their 30th wedding anniversary on August 17, 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Conover of Gladstone, N. J., observed their 20th wedding anniversary on February 25, 1959.

Rev. and Mrs. Earle V. A. Conover of Omaha, Nebr., observed their 30th wedding anniversary on June 20, 1959.

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DEATHS

Dr. Charles H. Conover, 86 years of age, of 115 West Washington Avenue, Pleasantville, N. J., died March 7, 1960, at Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

He was born in Absecon, N. J., and educated in the Absecon schools. In 1899 he graduated from Hahnemann Medical College and shortly after graduation he began his practice in Tuckerton, N. J. When World War I began he served with the U. S. Army Medical Corps and when the war ended he returned from military service and moved to Pleasantville.

One of approximately 50 homeopathic doctors still practicing in America, he was active in his practice until three days before he entered the hospital for surgery and maintained his usual hours at his office.

An accomplished musician, Dr. Conover played the cornet for many years in musical associations in Tuckerton and Pleasantville. He was a charter member of the Pleasantville Kiwanis Club and was also a charter member of the Masonic Lodge in Tuckerton. He held membership in the Tall Cedars Lodge, F&AM.

He served at one time as a member of the Pleasantville Board of Education and was president of the board for several years. He was also a member of the Board of Assessors in Pleasantville, serving for 10 years, and had resigned that position in December of 1959.

On the staff of Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point, N. J., Dr. Conover was at one time the school doctor for Absecon.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Steelman Conover, a former school teacher in Tuckerton; a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor C. Yaeger, principal of Park Avenue School in Pleasantville, and a brother, Leon Conover of Absecon.

Funeral services were held in the Reformation Lutheran Church, Absecon, the same building in which Dr. Conover received his early education. The structure was given to the school system by Dr. Conover's father and used as a school house for many years. Eventually it was abandoned by the school system and was purchased several years ago as the site for the Lutheran Church. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Pleasantville.

Clifford H. Conover, 72 years of age, founder and president of Conover's Guernsey Dairy, Hightstown, N. J., died October 27, 1958, at Mercer Hospital, Trenton, N. J.

A resident of York Road, Hightstown, he was a member of the American Guernsey Cattle Club, the Hightstown Grange and the First Presbyterian Church of Hightstown.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Hancock Conover; three sons, Tunis, Herbert and Clifford of Hightstown; three daughters, Mrs. Oscar Y. Dancer of Cranbury, N. J., Mrs. Norris A. Robbins of Hightstown, and Mrs. Henry G. Williams of Anchorage, Alaska; a sister, Mrs. Lewis McKnight of New Egypt, N. J.; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Interment was in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Edith May Conover, 70 years of age, of 87 Mill Road, Matawan, N. J., died September 7, 1958, in Monmouth Medical Center. She was born in Sea Bright, N. J., daughter of the late Robert E. and Edith M. Borden Van Brunt. She lived in Red Bank a number of years and at Fair Haven for 19 years, prior to moving to Matawan nine months ago. Her husband, John Schenck Conover, died at Fair Haven in November, 1954.

Surviving are a son, J. Bertram Conover of Mount Street, Red Bank; a sister, Mrs. Alfonse M. Gaskill of Front Street, Red Bank; two brothers, Robert E. Van Brunt, Jr. of Pine Ave., West Long Branch, and Reginald E. Van Brunt of William Street, Red Bank, and three grandchildren.

Edward S. Conover, 85 years of age, died October 28, 1959, in his home at 107 South Street, Freehold, N. J. He was a retired farmer.

He was born in East Freehold, the son of the late William and Margaret Conover, and farmed in Freehold Township for many years. His wife was the late Nellie H. Conover.

Surviving are a son, William E. Conover of Freehold; a sister, Mrs. Garrett R. Conover; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Freehold.

Ella A. Conover died February 23, 1960, at her home, 3 Lincoln Place, Freehold, N. J. She was the wife of Andrew J. Conover, Freehold attorney. Born in New York City, she was a member of Freehold Woman's Club and a charter member of Fitkin Hospital Auxiliary. There are no other survivors. Interment was in Old Tennent Cemetery, Tennent, N. J.

Ellsworth Conover, 83 years of age, died December 7, 1959, at his home, 48 Old Port Republic Road, Oceanville, N. J. He was a bayman and a member of the Oceanville Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Raymond of Oceanville, and Leslie of Somers Point, N. J.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Interment was in Oceanville Methodist Church Cemetery.

Florence T. Conover, 71 years of age, of 628 Jersey Avenue, Spring Lake Heights, N. J., died May 23, 1959, at Fitkin Hospital, Neptune, N. J. She was born in Freehold, N. J., the daughter of the late Horace E. and Cordilda Mudell Treat. She was a member of the Belmar Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Grandin C. Conover; two daughters, Mrs. Merton Sammis of Freehold, and Mrs. William H. Drew of Dover, N. H.; three sons, Arthur G. of Chevy Chase, Md., Horace A. of Freehold, and Wallace M. of Belmar, N. J.; 14 grandchildren, and a brother, Edward Treat of Bordentown, N. J. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Freehold.

Gertrude Conover, 78 years of age, widow of the late Arthur W. Conover, died August 10, 1958, at her home, 785 New York Road, Absecon, N. J. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Thompson of Absecon, and Mrs. Mildred Vola of Pleasantville, N. J.; three sons, Ernest of Linwood, N. J., Everett of Penns Grove, N. J., and Linford of Absecon; two sisters, Mrs. Cora Prue of Absecon, and Mrs. Ada Sudgen of Seaview Park; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Interment was in Absecon Presbyterian Cemetery, Absecon, N. J.

Harry A. Conover, 68 years of age, of 1007 North Limestone St., Springfield, Ohio, died November 20, 1959, in Mercy Hospital. A native Springfielder, he was born August 26, 1891, the son of Fred and Emma Clark Conover, and resided there until 30 years ago.

During his residence in Springfield, Mr. Conover was a partner in the Conover-Mapes Studebaker Agency. He then joined the parent Studebaker Corp., in South Bend, Ind., as regional manager, a position he held for 26 years.

More recently, Mr. Conover was executive vice president of the Hedges Diesel Corp. in Marlton, N. J. He returned to Springfield two years ago and accepted the position of sales manager with the Conover Realty Co., which is headed by his brother, James W. Conover.

He was a graduate of Springfield High School and Wittenberg College. During his college years, Mr. Conover was affiliated with Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity.

The only active charter members of the Springfield Kiwanis Club, Mr. Conover formerly served as president of the Kiwanis Club in Collingswood, N. J. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and St. Andrews Lodge No. 619, F. and A. M.

A lover of poetry, Mr. Conover wrote extensively and often lectured about his compositions.

Survivors, in addition to his brother James, include his widow, Lysle Stage Conover; one son, Richard of Coral Gables, Fla.; three daughters, Mrs. Fred Goldbach of Washington, Ill.; Mrs. William Fryer of Pennsauken, N. J., and Mrs. Charles Franzen of Roslyn, Pa., and 10 grandchildren.

Interment was in Ferncliff Cemetery, Springfield.

Harry Beckley Conover, 94 years of age, retired wholesale oyster dealer of Conovertown, died January 10, 1959, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Cunard of Absecon, N. J. His great-grandfather owned and settled the village of Conovertown. Mr. Conover had lived in his home at Conovertown, where he was born December 16, 1864, until recently when he spent most of his time at the home of a son, Walter of Bala-Cynwyd, Pa., and Mrs. Cunard in Absecon.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Olive Rundstrom of Absecon, and Mrs. Charlotte Boice of Merion, Pa.; another son, James of Conovertown; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Interment was in Absecon Methodist Cemetery.

Harry P. Conover, 81 years of age, of 34 Mechanic Street, Absecon, N. J., died May 31, 1959, at Shore Memorial Hospital. He was born in Risleytown and was a retired flagman for the Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines.

He is survived by his wife, Markanna. Interment was in Absecon Presbyterian Cemetery.

Holmes E. Conover, 82 years of age, died August 14, 1959, at his home, 113 Shunpike Road, Chatham, N. J. He was born in Holmdel, N. J., and had lived in Chatham for the past 58 years. He retired about 10 years ago from the J. F. Ruzicka Co., Madison, N. J., where he had been a florist. He previously worked for the Louis Noe Estate,

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SATURDAY, JUNE THE TWENTY-SEVENTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE
ABSECON METHODIST CHURCH
ABSECON, NEW JERSEY

— Program —

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Morning Session - 11 a.m.

In the Church Auditorium

BUSINESS MEETING

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR - Mr. Leon Conover, Absecon, N. J.
President of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association

Secretary's Report - Mr. Donald V. N. Conover
Treasurer's Report - - Miss Mida C. Blake
Committee Reports

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

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DINNER—12:30 p.m. will be served in the Christian Center

Afternoon Session - 2:00 p.m.

In the Church Auditorium

INVOCATION - - - Rev. Clarence B. Conover
Pastor of Methodist Church, Audubon, N. J.

WELCOME - - - Rev. Harry B. Zane
Pastor of Methodist Church, Absecon

VOCAL SOLOS Richard Conover, soloist - Kathleen Gaffney, accompanist

1. "The Desert Song" - *Romberg*
2. "Autumn Song" - - *Mercer*
3. "Thine Alone" - - *Herbert*

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS
Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom, Atlantic City, N. J.
Chairman of Membership and Genealogical Committee

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS (See back page)
Conducted by Mrs. Walter Conover, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.

ADDRESS—"The Cross in the Coat-of-Arms" - Rev. William Conover
Pastor of Community Church, Linwood, N. J.

HYMN—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

— Memorial Service —

(People standing)

LEADER: Each year from our group some souls pass on to their heavenly home. We read in John 14, 27th verse—

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you;
Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled,
Neither let it be afraid."

LEADER reads the names of deceased members and flower is placed in vase for each one.

DR. ROBERT E. SCULLY, Finderne, N. J., Died Aug. 6, 1958
MRS. JAMES B. EDGAR, Highland Park, N. J., Died Oct. 15, 1958
HARRY B. CONOVER, Absecon, N. J., Died Jan. 10, 1959
NICHOLAS M. D. CONOVER, Englishtown, N. J., Died Apr. 30, 1959

LEADER: I have not seen Eternity...or talked to one who knows...
Because it is intangible...as any wind that blows.
I have not walked among the dead...or heard the angels pray...
Nor do I have the magic sight...that goes beyond today.
And yet as I may feel the wind...and find it warm or cold...
I find that death is never all the future has to hold.
I know there must be something more than merely smiles or tears,
And more than just the calendars...that mark the passing years.
And surely as I tell myself...I have a lasting friend...
And there must be a God above,
Forever without end.

—*James J. Metcalfe*

LEADER: May we bow our heads in prayer.
O God, Thou who art infinite, and whose wisdom is far beyond our ability to understand, we thank Thee for Thy guidance and comfort of the spirit of those who so faithfully lived among us and have returned to Thee. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord,

AUDIENCE will join in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Madison, and the former Conover Lumber Co., Holmdel.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Kathryn Kausch Conover; two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Razzetti of Chatham, and Mrs. Edith Hegge of Denville, N. J.; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Smith and Mrs. Edward Morrow, both of Keyport, N. J.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

H. Spencer Conover of Kutztown, Pa., died August 20, 1959, while visiting his son, Herbert S. Conover at Massena, N. Y. Born in Englishtown, N. J., he was the son of the late Garrett B. and Adeline Conover, and was graduated from Freehold, N. J. High School, class of 1898.

Mr. Conover was a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

In addition to his son, Herbert, he is survived by another son, Garrett B. Conover of Allentown, Pa.; three sisters, Mrs. Everett Terhune and Mrs. James H. English, both of Clearwater, Fla., and Mrs. Staats C. Stillwell of Freehold, N. J.; a brother, G. Winfield Conover of Englishtown; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

John A. Conover, 84 years of age, died October 21, 1959, in his home, Main Street, Lebanon, N. J. He had lived in Lebanon since 1925. From 1927 to 1954 he was tax collector, municipal treasurer and custodian of school funds for Lebanon. Prior to that he held the same offices for several years in Clinton Township.

He worked for the Lebanon Post Office from 1930 to 1955 on a bulk mail route and for several years was a Democratic member of the Lebanon Election Board. He was treasurer of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Lebanon for many years.

He was born in High Bridge, N. J., and was the last of a family of four children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conover.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nellie Runyon Conover; two sons, Howard E. of Lebanon, and Cecil of Bethlehem, Pa.; two granddaughters and a great-grandson. Interment was in Union Cemetery adjoining the Methodist Church.

Katherine Conover, 75 years of age, of 5 Stillwell Place, Freehold, N. J., died September 20, 1958, at Fitkin Hospital, Neptune, N. J. She formerly lived in Englishtown, N. J., and was a bank clerk there for many years. Miss Conover was a member of Frances Hopkins Chapter, DAR; a member of Monmouth Grange #92, and a member of Old Tennent Church.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Everett Terhune and Mrs. James English of Clearwater, Fla., and Mrs. Staats Stillwell of Freehold, N. J., and two brothers, Spencer of Kutztown, Pa., and Winfield of Englishtown, N. J. Interment was in Old Tennent Cemetery, Tennent, N. J.

Laurus L. Conover, 77 years of age, of 1000 Darlington Road, Deal, N. J., died October 11, 1958, at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, N. J. He was a retired superintendent of sewerage in Deal. Surviving are his widow, Margaret; two brothers, John V. and Clem, and a sister, Mrs. Paul Del Mont.

Leander Conover, 74 years of age, of Mason Road, Egypt, N. Y., a member of a pioneer family in the Perinton-Victor area, died March 22, 1959. He was the son of Leander A. Conover and Ella Warner Conover. His great-grandfather, Asher Conover, moved with his family from the Mohawk Valley to settle in the South Perinton section of the Towns of Perinton and Victor in 1815.

His grandfather, Van Ransler Conover, pioneered in bringing western cattle and sheep to the eastern market by driving them overland. He owned many acres of the Turk Hill and Baker Hill area where the cattle and sheep were fattened before going to market.

Mr. Conover was active in Perinton politics and was once a justice of the peace. He was a life member of the Fairport Congregational Church. He received a 50-year pin from the Fairport Grange and was a member of the Valentown Grange.

Lemuel E. Conover, 76 years of age, of 39 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Northfield, N. J., died November 18, 1958, at the Shore Memorial Hospital.

A retired bank aide, Mr. Conover had been a vice president of the now defunct Atlantic City National Bank and had been associated with the Boardwalk National Bank for several years prior to his retirement. He was born in Northfield and had lived in Ventnor for many years, returning to Northfield 13 years ago.

He is survived by a son, Stuart H. of Kensington, Md.; a daughter, Miss Mildred Conover of Northfield, and one grandchild. Interment was in Pleasantville Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. J.

Lenora Conover, 93 years of age, widow of the late Elisa H. Conover, died August 20, 1958, at her home, 7 Main Street, Farmingdale, N. J. She was a member of the Farmingdale Methodist Church and the W.S.C.S. of the church, and Laurel Council, Sons and Daughters of Liberty. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Harry Hulsart, Sr. of Farmingdale. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Farmingdale.

Mae Belle Conover, 74 years of age, died February 4, 1960, in her home at 620 North Main Street, Pleasantville, N. J. Born in Oceanville, N. J., Mrs. Conover had been a resident of Pleasantville for more than 40 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Energetic Lodge of Shepherds of Bethlehem, and Allequippa Council, Daughters of Pocahontas.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Myrtle A. Baumgartel; a son, Elwood A., and a brother, William Giberson; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Interment was in the Greenwood Cemetery, Pleasantville.

Mary Conover, 87 years of age, of Olive Street, Neshanic Station, N. J., died July 5, 1959, at the Amity Nursing Home, Ringoes, N. J. She was born in Hunterdon County, daughter of the late Asher and Jane Voorhees Higgins. Her husband was the late William Conover, who died in 1944.

She was a member of the WSCS of the Neshanic Methodist Church and was active in the Neshanic Garden Club. She was a member of the Clover Hill Reformed Church.

Surviving are four nieces, Mrs. Mabel Rynearson, Mrs. Caroline Case and Miss Grace Higgins, all of Ringoes, and Mrs. Jane Hunt of Hopewell, N. J. Interment was in Clover Hill Cemetery, Flemington, N. J.

Mary A. Conover of Conover Lane, Riverside Heights, Middletown Township, N. J., died April 10, 1959, at the Veterans Hospital, East Orange, N. J. She was the wife of John B. Conover of Middletown Township. She was born in New Brunswick, N. J., daughter of the late Christopher and Mary M. Carlon.

Mrs. Conover was graduated from Monmouth Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Long Branch, N. J., in 1912, and served in World War I with the Nurses' Corps in France with Base Hospital Unit No. 60. She was a member of the Shrewsbury American Legion, Post 168, and was a communicant of St. James' R. C. Church, Red Bank, N. J.

Surviving besides her husband are a daughter, Mrs. George E. Brush, Jr. of Conover Lane, Middletown Twp.; two sisters, Mrs. Leanon Broughton of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. George Dilager of Miami, Fla.; a brother, Frank Carlon of New Brunswick, N. J., and two grandchildren.

Minnie Conover, 77 years of age, of Bayview Avenue, Pleasantville, N. J., died November 15, 1958, in an Atlantic City nursing home.

For about 50 years she had operated a grocery store at three different locations in Pleasantville. Her best known location was at the corner of Doughty and New Roads. She and her husband, the late Joseph Conover, also operated a bakery in Hammonton, N. J., at one time.

She was born in Pleasantville and was a lifelong resident there. She was a member of Trinity Methodist Church of Margate. Survivors include a son, Thomas of Atlantic City, and a sister, Mrs. Ella Collins of Gloucester, N. J. Interment was in Salem Cemetery.

Nellie L. Conover, 84 years of age, widow of the late John C. Conover, died January 30, 1959, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Norman Adams of 10 North Fourth Street, Pleasantville, N.

J. Mrs. Conover as born in Almonesson, N. J., and moved here at the age of 14. She was a member of Pleasantville Presbyterian Church and of the church's Kate Ford Circle, and the Onward Bible Class of which she was a former teacher.

Other survivors are another daughter, Mrs. Fred W. Myers of Jersey City, N. J.; a brother, Osborne S. Carman of Millville, N. J., and a granddaughter, Phyllis J. Loos of Pleasantville. Interment was in Oceanville Cemetery.

Nelson D. Conover, 50 years of age, died October 6, 1959, in his home, 500 5th Street, Avon, N. J. Mr. Conover had served one four-year term as Borough Commissioner before his election as Mayor at the May election.

Mr. Conover, who operated a stationery store, had also served as president of the school board before his election to the Borough Commission. He was a member of Ocean Lodge, F&AM, an honorary member of the Volunteer Fire Company, and a member of the Taylor Baptist Church.

Born in Hamilton, N. J., he moved to Avon in 1919. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Marjorie Hopper Conover; a son, Gary, and a daughter, Cynthia Ann, both at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Conover of Avon, and three brothers, Marvin, James and Frank, all of Avon.

Capt. Nicholas Conover, 103 years of age, former sailing skipper, of Englishtown, N. J., died April 30, 1959, at the Holmdel Nursing Home, Holmdel, N. J. He was born on Ten Eycks Hill, Matawan, N. J., and as a boy lived on many farms in the vicinity. He attended Browntown School.

As a young man, Capt. Conover was lured away from the farm and began working at the age of 14 on sailing ships that carried wood, coal, iron ore and general cargo from Old Bridge, South River, Matawan and New York. Later he captained a ship between Norfolk, Va. and New York. He got started in the shipping business riding on his grandfather's sailing boat on the Raritan Bay. He was the youngest pilot ever to get a license at Perth Amboy, N. J.

He left the sea in 1888, and moved to Farmingdale, N. J. in 1889. One year later he moved to the vicinity of Englishtown, and in 1902 he settled in the village proper. He was one of the organizers and charter members of the Applegate Hose Company of Englishtown, which some five years ago celebrated its 50th anniversary.

His first wife, Sarah Prest, died in 1882. He later married Annie Gussie White, who died about 30 years ago.

Within recent years Capt. Conover took meticulous care of his garden and yard and enjoyed reading. He built the house in which he and his daughter, Mrs. Arthur E. Pettie, shared at 20 LaSatta Avenue, Englishtown.

He was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association and was recently elected a member of the Holland Society of New York City.

Two of his six children, Mrs. Pettie, and Mrs. Reuben Miller of Browntown, survive. There were also five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Interment was in Hoffman Hill Cemetery, on Jamesburg-Englishtown Road.

Raymond W. Conover, Sr., 56 years of age, of 616 Pitney Road, Absecon, N. J., and his son-in-law, Jacob Naglee, 3rd, 32 years of age, of Sewell, N. J., were killed November 14, 1959, when the auto in which they were riding smashed head-on with another car in front of the home of Conover's father, Lemuel Ward Conover in Conovertown.

Mr. Conover, who was in his second term as tax assessor of Absecon, was employed at the Howlett Hardware Store. At one time he was distributor for a Philadelphia newspaper. He was a member of the Absecon Republican Club.

Surviving are his wife, Hattie; a daughter, Mrs. Irma Naglee of Sewell; a son, Raymond, Jr. of Elmira, N. Y.; his father, Lemuel W. of Conovertown, and a granddaughter. Interment for both men was in Absecon Methodist Cemetery.

Roberta E. Conover, 53 years of age, died March 2, 1960. She was the wife of John Conover, 15 Laurel Drive, New Providence, N. J. Surviving besides her husband are three sons, Arthur

Howard, Norman H. and Carl E. Conover; a daughter, Mrs. Richard Krentz; her father, Herbert L. Haedrich, and a brother, Dean Haedrich. Interment was in Hollywood Cemetery.

Sophia E. Conover, 58 years of age, of Atlantic City, N. J., died February 3, 1959. She was a daughter of the late Lylburn and Amelia Conover. Interment was in Pleasantville Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. J.

Cornelia Kouwenhoven, 87 years of age, of 132 Revere Road, Munsey Park, died on March 15, 1960. She is survived by a daughter, Maude Kimball. Interment was in Nassau Knolls Cemetery, Port Washington, N. Y.

Harold E. Apgar, 61 years of age, of Annandale, N. J., died June 14, 1958, at East Main Street, High Bridge, N. J., of a heart attack. He had been employed at the Taylor-Wharton Iron and Steel Company's plant in High Bridge for 40 years, most of that time as a crane operator. He was born in Annandale, the son of the late Howard and Bertha Conover Apgar, and lived in Annandale all his life.

Surviving are his widow, Beulah Philhower Apgar; four sons, Lester and Arnold of Annandale, Walter of Finderne, N. J., and Marvin of West Portal, N. J.; a daughter, Mrs. Edwin Erdie of Bethlehem, Pa,; a brother, Lewis of Clinton, N. J., and seven grandchildren. Interment was in the Methodist Cemetery, Lebanon, N. J.

William Apgar, 79 years of age, of High Bridge, N. J., died June 9, 1959, at Union Forge Nursing Home, near Clinton. He was born in High Bridge on August 26, 1879, a son of the late Jason Apgar and Mary Conover Apgar.

A hat maker by trade, he spent the early years of his life in Newark, N. J. Following his retirement he opened up a service station and restaurant on Route 69, north of Clinton, where he lived until his last serious illness.

His only survivors are his wife, the former Ada Alpaugh, and a sister, Mrs. Jeannette Wiegand. Interment was in the Apgar mausoleum in Evergreen Cemetery, Clinton.

William R. Borden, 79 years of age, died July 13, 1959, at his home, 634 Ocean View Road, Brielle, N. J. He was a refrigeration contractor. Born in Jacobstown, N. J., he was the son of the late Charles and Josephine Conover Borden. His wife was the late Sybil Foster Borden.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. John M. Smith, with whom he lived; one grandchild; one brother, J. Garfield Borden of New Egypt, N. J., and one sister, Mrs. Mary MacDonald of St. Petersburg, Fla. Interment was in Jacobstown Cemetery.

Joseph J. Clayton, 76 years of age, died August 20, 1958, in Point Pleasant, N. J. Hospital. He had been tax collector in Jackson Township for the past 18 years. He was born in Jackson Township, the son of the late Joseph T. and **Ann Conover Clayton.** He attended Harmony Methodist Church and was a member of its Board of Trustees. He also was a member of the Harmony Cemetery Association. He was custodian of school funds and for many years a member of the Board of Education.

He was the father of Joseph E. Clayton of Wall Township, assistant state education commissioner, and stepfather of Assemblyman Clifton T. Barkalow of Freehold, N. J. His wife died recently. Other survivors include a granddaughter, Miss Nancy Clayton of Wall Township; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Barney E. Egeland of Fair Haven, N. J., and five step-grandchildren. Interment was in Harmony Cemetery.

Eva P. Combs, 69 years of age, died August 5, 1959, at her home, 3 Keith Avenue, Spring Lake Heights, N. J. She was the widow of Lewis Combs, and the daughter of the late Arthur and Catherine Chambers Conover.

She was a member of Christ Methodist Church, Spring Lake Heights, its Ladies' Aid and Friendly Bible Class, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Catherine C. Wilson of Trenton, N. J.; a son, Andrew of Manasquan, N. J.; two step-sons, Arnold of Glendola, N. J., and Cameron of Florida; two sisters, Mrs. Eleanor Fitzgibbon of Spring Lake Heights, and Mrs. Belle Leary of Manasquan; two brothers, Grandin C. Conover of Spring Lake Heights, and Andrew J. Conover of Freehold, N. J., and three grandchildren. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Freehold.

Sylvia Mae Conover Jensen, 60 years of age, of 1262 West 500 North, Provo, Utah, died March 3, 1960, in a local hospital.

Born August, 1899, in Springville, Utah, to Adelbert and Susan Boyack Conover; married to Alvin Joseph Jensen, September 23, 1919, in Burley, Idaho; he died June 16, 1956. She had resided in Provo since 1920 and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Surviving are three sons, Alvin Jack, James C. and William D., all of Provo; four daughters, Mrs. Wilbur C. (Cora) Murie, Mrs. Melvin (Lois) Edwards, both of Provo: Mrs. D. E. (Margaret) Anderson of Buena Park, Calif., and Mrs. Joseph (Betty) Miles Kearns; four brothers, Earl Conover of Reno, Nevada; Bert and Richard Conover, both of Springville, Utah, and Donald Conover of Bountiful, Utah, and 17 grandchildren. Interment was in the Provo City Cemetery.

Bertha Hoffman Edgar, 87 years of age, of 202 Grant Avenue, Highland Park, N. J., died October 15, 1958, at the Parker Memorial Home in New Brunswick, N. J. She was born in Clinton, N. J., daughter of the late Jeremiah and Margaretta Hoffman. She was a descendant of one of the early Dutch settlers on Long Island, and was a member of the Jersey Blue Chapter, DAR, in which she served as Regent. She was the organizing State President of the N. J. Society of the Children of the American Revolution. On her 85th birthday she resigned as genealogist of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association in which she had held office for many years. She was a member of the N. J. Historical Society and of the Highland Park Reformed Church. Her husband died in 1927.

Surviving are a son, Joseph H. Edgar of Highland Park; a brother, J. Raymond Hoffman of Clinton, N. J., and three grandchildren. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Clinton.

Lillian Conover Maxwell, 82 years of age, died October 17, 1958, in her home at 45 West High Street, Somerville, N. J. She was the widow of John A. Maxwell, who died in 1938.

She was a member of the Second Reformed Church, its Women's Missionary Society and Fragment Circle of the King's Daughters. She was a past member of the Civic League and also a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

She is survived by a nephew, John M. Ditmars of Somerville. Interment was in New Cemetery, Somerville.

Ida Miller, 73 years of age, died January 4, 1960, in her home at 225 White Horse Pike, Absecon, N. J. She was born in Atlantic City and was an Absecon resident for 64 years, and a member of the Absecon Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her husband, Horace Miller; three daughters, Mrs. Clara Carty of Pleasantville, N. J., and Nora and Kathryn Miller, both of Absecon; three sisters, Mrs. Clara Bird, Mrs. Violet Van Sant and Laura Conover, and two brothers, Ben and Harry Conover, all of Absecon; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Interment was in Absecon Presbyterian Cemetery.

Harriet S. Ramsey, 62 years of age, wife of Holt F. Ramsey, died February 1, 1959, in her home in Orange, N. J. She formerly resided in Round Valley, N. J., and was born February 12, 1897, in Readington Township, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. Conover Stiger. She was formerly a member of the Lebanon Reformed Church. For many years she was a designer of ladies' apparel for Saks and Company, New York City.

Surviving besides her husband are a sister, Mrs. Alvah H. Haver of Lebanon; four brothers, G. Conover Stiger, 2nd of Annandale, N. J., John L., Frederick J. and Harry H. Stiger, all of rural Lebanon. Interment was in Lebanon Cemetery.

Fannie B. Robinson, 88 years of age, died December 11, 1959, in her home at 66 Broad Street, Freehold, N. J. She was the widow of Clarence M. Robinson, and was born in Scobeyville, the daughter of the late Aaron D. and Annie Conover Croxson. She was a member of the Freehold First Baptist Church.

Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Helen R. Smith of the same address; also two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Interment was in the Maplewood Cemetery, Freehold.

Jesse Laurence Smith, 68 years of age, died September 14, 1959. He was born in Provo, Utah, October 17, 1891, a son of the late Henry Van and Alveretta Conover Smith. His wife, Sylvia Stubbs Smith, died July 4, 1959. He was a veteran of World War I, receiving the Purple Heart for wounds received in the Argonne Forest.

Surviving are two sons, Norman Jesse and Lawrence (Bud) Smith; a daughter, Mrs. Shirley Loveless; a brother, Bert Smith, and 13 grandchildren.

Dr. Robert Emmett Scully, 83 years of age, of East Main Street, Finderne, N. J., died August 6, 1958, in Trenton, N. J. He was a retired eye, ear, nose and throat specialist who at one time was on the staff of the Veterans Administration Hospital at Lyons, N. J., and was also known as an amateur organist and gardener.

He was born April 6, 1875, in Neshanic, N. J., the fifth of nine children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Welsh Scully. He was graduated from Somerville, N. J. High School in 1891. Later he was graduated from the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, and from the University of Virginia Medical School. He was commissioned a lieutenant commander in the Navy in 1914, and served eight years. He was stationed in many parts of the world and became an accomplished linguist.

After leaving the Navy, Dr. Scully went into private practice in New York State. He last practiced in Amityville, L. I., before retiring in 1956. For a year he resided in North Plainfield, N. J., and in 1957 moved to Finderne.

Dr. Scully, who had studied organ at the Juilliard School of Music in New York, donated a $3,800 concert organ to Somerville High School in 1956. The organ was dedicated in special ceremonies at the doctor's alma mater on November 27, when the guest organist was another Somerville High School graduate, Edward Stochowicz.

Dr. Scully was a member of the American Medical Association and the University of Virginia Alumni Association. He had contributed articles to the American Medical Association magazine, Your Health. He was also a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, and his last work was in raising the funds for the memorial marker to his great-great-grandfather, Albert Covenhoven, a Revolutionary soldier. (see Conover Family Bulletin, Vol. 20, #1, pages 481-4.)

A bachelor, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. A. N. Jordan of Teaneck, N. J.; a brother, Wade H. Scully of Finderne; five nephews, two nieces, and several great and great-great nephews and nieces.

Interment was in Neshanic Cemetery, Neshanic, N. J.

Wade Hampton Scully, 83 years of age, of 563 East Main Street, Somerville, N. J., died March 28, 1960, in Somerset Hospital, Somerville. A native of Neshanic, N. J., he was the son of the late Michael Walsh and Mary Frances Robbins Scully. A graduate of Somerville High School and Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y., he was a partner of the Maurer and Scully Building Contracting firm in Finderne for 15 years.

Mr. Scully later was employed as a mechanical engineer at Diehl Mfg. Co., Finderne, retiring from that company 12 years ago. His wife, Mrs. Mary Drake Scully, died in 1955. He was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Several nephews and nieces survive. Interment was in Neshanic Cemetery.

P. Leo Townley, 69 years of age, of 207 Branchport Ave., Long Branch, N.

J., died September 10, 1958, at Monmouth Medical Center. He was born in New York City, son of the late Percy and Katherine Townley, but had lived in Long Branch nearly all his life.

He was a retired clerk for the A. M. Townley & Co. He was a member of Long Branch Lodge No. 78, F. & A. M., and a member of the Republican election board of Long Branch.

Surviving are his widow, **Josephine Conover Townley**; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth K. Lawson of Long Branch; three grandsons and a granddaughter.

Samuel C. VanDenbergh died March 27, 1960, at his home, 320 Bruce Street, Lakewood, N. J. A retired farmer, he was born in Hightstown, N. J., the son of the late Benjamin and Catherine Conover VanDenbergh.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Appleget VanDenbergh; one daughter, Mrs. Edna E. Johnson; two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Hogencamp and Mrs. Lillian Tantum, both of Trenton, N. J.; three brothers, Russell Tantum of Trenton, Howard Tantum of Asbury Park, N. J., and Raymond Tantum of Florida; also four grandchildren. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Lakewood.

Jeanatta A. Wiegand, 89 years of age, died January 13, 1960, in Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J. She had resided with her son, William at 22½ East Main Street, High Bridge, N. J. She was born October 12, 1870, in Stone Mill, daughter of the late Jason and Mary Conover Apgar and was the last of a family of four children. Her husband, William Wiegand, died in 1909.

She was a member of the Methodist Church and the Daughters of Liberty Lodge of High Bridge.

Surviving in addition to her son are two grandchildren. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery, Cokesbury, N. J.

Olga D. Wright died February 23, 1960, at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, N. J. She resided at 258 Atlantic Avenue, and was a daughter of Mrs. Harry Fleet and the late Harry Fleet.

She was a member of the Asbury Methodist Church and the Ladies' Aid Society of the church. She was a graduate of the Long Branch Chattle High School. She was vice regent of Shrewsbury Towne Chapter, DAR, and a member of the Denison Family Society, Inc., and the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, Inc.

Surviving in addition to her husband, John F. Wright, and her mother, is a son, Kenneth D. of Oakhurst, N. J.; a daughter, Mrs. D. Conley Winder of Madera, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Harold Morford of Long Branch, and five grandchildren.

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The Flag of Peace

By Harry A. Conover "1956"

The flag of peace has been unfurled,
And proudly waves around the world.
How long it waves will all depend
Upon the attitude of men.

If selfishness and greed could be
Forgotten by humanity,
Then happines could take its place
With every nation, creed and race.

If everyone would do his best
To help the fellow in distress,
We'd be so busy with our task
Of doing good, that peace would last.

So let us hope that in this world
The flag of peace will stay unfurled,
And every nation sing again
"Peace on earth, good will toward
men".

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Who is Conover? Only WE Ask

We ask because, as the Voice of America's voice of jazz and pop music, he is heard daily by thirty million people in eighty countries — but not in the U. S. A.

By John S. Wilson in the New York Times Magazine, Sept. 13, 1959

A crowd of Russians were gathered in front of Moscow's Metropole Hotel a few weeks ago attracted by half a dozen gleaming foreign cars parked there, when some passing Americans paused to join the rubbernecking. Immediately they were peppered with questions by the curious Russians — what was the price of an American automobile, what did Americans think of "beat generation" writers, how many Americans were unemployed? When a question about music in the United States was raised, one of the Americans declared that Shostakovich, Khatchaturian and Prokofiev were popular there.

And, asked a Russian eagerly pursuing the subject further, is Willis Conover highly regarded in the United States?

Willis Conover? The American looked puzzled and confessed that, although he was head of the reference section of Harvard University's library, he had never heard of Willis Conover.

Another American, walking in Red Square one day, was startled to hear a mellifluous voice behind him suddenly intone, "This is Willis Conover!" Glancing around, he found a young Russian doubled up with laughter, overjoyed at this opportunity to show off the only English sentence he knew.

Willis Conover is not, as these incidents might suggest, a subtle invention of the Kremlin designed to bedevil visiting Americans. He is a completely authentic citizen of the United States, based in Washington, D. C., whose nightly two-hour radio program on the Voice of America, "Music U. S. A.", has made his voice and name familiar not only in Moscow but in practically every corner of the world except the United States. His program — 45 minutes of pop music and 45 minutes of jazz, each preceded by 15 minutes of news — is said to have the largest listening audience of any in-

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ternational broadcast despite the fact that it is done entirely in English. There is no way of pinning down the exact size of Conover's audience but it has been estimated that he is heard each day by thirty million people in eighty countries.

For many people, listening to Conover is a social event. Clubs meet regularly to hear his program. A visitor in Yugoslavia, remarking on the scarcity of young people on the streets between 8 P.M. and 10 P.M., was told, "They're listening to Willis." A Down Beat correspondent at the World's Fair in Brussels last summer found that "every Russian youth I met listened to Willis Conover's nightly show. I got the impression that all young people listen to the show. In Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Bucharest and Warsaw, it was the same."

The spread of Conover's following is indicated by the mail which reaches him — from New Guinea ("I have been a regular listener for about five years and look forward to your program every night as the only bright spot in a very monotonous existence"), from South Africa (I've heard your voice all over the world, Hong Kong, Far East, etc., and I look forward to your programs").

Even an occasional American shortwave listener picks up "Music U. S. A." as it circles the earth four times each day. "I was not aware," wrote one startled Texan, "that the United States was broadcasting programs of such quality."

Although Conover's nightly program is split equally between popular music and jazz, it is the jazz portion that is listened to most eagerly. His program has the greatest impact in those countries where jazz is relatively inaccessible, particularly in the Iron Curtain countries. "To these people, jazz represents something that is entirely different from their traditions," Conover explained to a visitor recently. "These are people who, if they were living in the United States, might not be listening to jazz. But over there they do."

One reason they listen, Conover believes, is that there is a sense of freedom they can detect in jazz. "Jazz is a cross between total discipline and anarchy," he pointed out. "The musicians agree on tempo, key and chord structure but beyond this everyone is free to express himself. This is jazz. And this is America. That's what gives this music vitality. It's a musical reflection of the way things happen in America. We're not apt to recognize this over here but people in other countries can feel this element of freedom. They love jazz because they love freedom."

Not only behind the Iron Curtain but throughout the world, wherever people look to the United States with curiosity and interest, Conover feels that jazz helps them to identify themselves with America. "Jazz also helps them to believe that America is the kind of country that they want to believe it is," he added. "Jazz corrects the fiction that America is racist. Minorities have a tough time everywhere but the acceptance and success of so many Negro musicians and singers in jazz in the United States makes it obvious that someone like Louis Armstrong, for instance, is not an exception."

The depth of the penetration of Conover's broadcasts is underlined by reports that some music taken down on tape from his show has been used at dances held in the dormitories of Moscow University, as background music in hotel dining rooms in Moscow and even at a rowing meet in Moscow last July between crews representing the Leningrad publication, Trud, and the University of Washington. John Gunther, mining nuggets for his book, "Inside Russia Today", found that the price of American jazz records had shot to bizarre heights on the Moscow black market — as much as $100 each — since Conover's programs began in 1955.

Last year, George Wein, producer of the Newport Jazz Festival, returned from a trip into Iron Curtain territory in search of jazz musicians for the Festival's International Youth Band with the report that "Eastern Europe's entire concept of jazz comes from Willis Conover".

One musician chosen for the Youth Band, a self-taught Hungarian guitarist, learned jazz technique by listening to Conover's program. Other listeners are learning English from his broadcasts, copying his slow, deliberate, rounded manner of speaking (this is a carefully calculated device designed to cut through the vicissitudes of shortwave transmission and to help the listener whose knowledge of English is limited). Travelers report that the "Willis Conover accent" can be encountered in all parts of the world.

"Music U. S. A." was launched on January 1, 1955, despite some Congressional objections that a jazz program would simply call attention to the worse side of American culture. At first the program was beamed only at the jazz-loving Scandinavian countries but when letters began coming in from other sections of the world (Can't you broadcast any time except 3 A.M.?), its scope was expanded.

Conover, a 38-year-old one-time Washington radio announcer and producer of jazz concerts, has been with the program since it started. A straight-backed man of medium height whose high forehead, carefully parted dark hair and dark-rimmed glasses give him an imposingly authoritative air, he disdains the term "disc-jockey", prefers to call himself a "program conductor". His conducting is done in a calm, factual manner which he describes as "informal dignity".

Both this public manner and Conover's public position as an international celebrity are at odds with the private Conover who is volatile, highstrung and so instinctively hermitic that he maintains a mailing address at an Arlington post-office to avoid giving his home address to anyone.

His programs are a mixture of planning and improvisation. All of the recordings he plays come from his own collection of LP and 78 rpm discs, which contains more than 60,000 selections. In a studio in the Health, Education and Welfare Building where he puts his programs on tape (usually about three months before they are broadcast) he keeps 400 LP's he draws on frequently, records which he considers basic to his work by such musicians as Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker and Louis Armstrong. The records for each program are stacked on two tables — one for pop music, one for jazz. He plans the programs in general terms for a week in advance and then, when the tape starts to run, improvises the sequence of records, seeking a sense of flow in the music, playing what he feels right to him at the moment.

On his pop programs, Conover holds to a high standard of music and performance, using both old and new recordings. Current popularity has little influence on his choices. He has never played a rock 'n' roll record but he may in the future.

"I'm going to wait until the furor for and against rock 'n' roll has died down," he said. "Then I may pick out some of the best rock 'n' roll records to play. I've been setting aside certain things by Elvis Presley that I'll probably use in a couple of years."

Louis Armstrong and Willis Conover

On his jazz section he tries to be both comprehensive and selective, to include everyone who contributes to jazz but to concentrate on the giants. Within a period of a few days he has done a program devoted to Jelly Roll Morton's Red Hot Peppers, another given over to the modern jazz compositions commissioned by the Brandeis University Festival, and one on which the performing roster included Al Hirt, Jelly Roll Morton, Rex Stewart, Julia Lee, Charlie Parker and Count Basie.

To his worldwide audience, Conover has become as much of a celebrity as the musicians whose records he plays.

He is, in fact, even more of a celebrity than those associated with his broadcasts had suspected. In May, the U. S. Information Agency sent him abroad on a five-week trip that began in Tunis and took him through Europe, to Scandinavia and behind the Iron Curtain to Poland. His three-day visit to Tunis was viewed as a gamble because little English is spoken there and there had been no indication that either Conover or his program was well known. But when he stepped off the plane he was greeted by large delegations from local jazz clubs. French and Arabic newspapers published pictures of his arrival and he gave a lecture on jazz to a turn-away crowd.

In Norway, musicians came to Oslo from all over the country to play a night-long jam session for him. His arrival in Warsaw was reported in front-page stories and the Polish radio broadcast an original composition titled, "Welcome Mr. Conover".

(On an earlier trip overseas to serve as master of ceremonies for the American jazz concerts at the Brussels World's Fair in 1958, Conover managed to escape from jazz long enough to meet and woo a girl whom he married last fall.)

The striking contrast between the figure he cuts as a celebrity overseas and his obscurity at home is a subject over which Conover finds it profitless to brood. He would like to have a domestic program, he admits, although because of his own inclinations and his relationship with the Voice of America he will not consider the customary commercial disc jockey presentation. But he is beginning to find other activities which may make him better known to his fellow Americans. For the past three years he has been master of ceremonies at the Newport Jazz Festival and this summer he appeared in the same capacity at festivals produced by the Newport organization in Toronto, Boston and French Lick, Indiana. This month he is touring with a Newport troupe, first in this country and then in Europe.

The basic purpose of Conover's overseas broadcasts is neither to make him an international celebrity nor to indoctrinate the world with jazz. He views his job as a challenge to do the best he can with the small portion of the Government's capacity for overseas activities that has been alloted to him.

"I assume I'm doing all right," he declared, "because no one bothers me. And because I've had this much success, there's a continuing challenge to make the program even better."

The official view of the program is that it is an effective audience-builder for the two news periods and that it also has an inherent merit of its own in its presentation of an appealing aspect of American life. But the fact that it goes much deeper than this has been vividly pointed up by the reaction of Al Izza (The Echo), a popular weekly publication of the Egyptian Broadcasting System which has been sharply critical of the United States.

"Conover's daily two-hour musical program," Al Izza has declared, "has won the United States more friends than any other activity."

It was an English listener, however, who summed up the basic appeal of Conover's low pressure sell.

"Really," wrote this resident of Essex, "if the people you are broadcasting to have any taste in music, you're providing it, and really the U.S.S.R. hasn't got a lot of chance with deep military-type music and solemn barking at us Western rabble. If jazz and certainly pop are uncivilized, then for an uncivilized lot, we're doing very well!"

(Willis Conover is the son of Capt. and Mrs. Willis Conover of Holmdel, N. J. Capt. Conover is a Trustee of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, Inc.)

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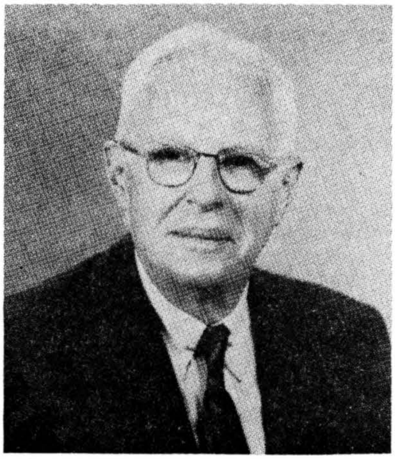
Recipient of Medal for Outstanding Service to the Blind

Henry S. Conover, industrialist, philanthropic leader and president of IHB since 1950, was one of two people honored on Thursday, October 23rd, with the nation's highest award in the field of work for the blind — The Migel Medal. The other person was Miss Marjorie S. Hooper, Braille and Large-Type Editor of the American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, Ky.

The Migel Medal is bestowed annually on only two people, by the American Foundation for the Blind. Presentation of the Medal was made by the Foundation's new president, Jansen Noyes, Jr., during a special Foundation Day ceremony in the Helen Keller Room at the Foundation's Headquarters in New York City. The inscription on the medal reads, "For Outstanding Service to the Blind."

In a special congratulatory message which was read to Miss Hooper at the ceremony, Helen Keller, noted deaf-blind leader and counselor of the Foundation, praised Miss Hooper for her skill and constancy in her labors for blind people and for her efforts to assure the blind of uniformity in the braille system.



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Miss Keller's message to Mr. Conover concluded, "The more friends the blind have like you, the more sure they will be to enter normal life — a world bright with undreamed possibilities of achievement. It will be a miracle like the growth of the Arctic blossoms in the brief summer of the polar year."

According to Peter J. Salmon, IHB's executive director, Mr. Conover's imagination and sensitive leadership, his warm and friendly influence, have been decisive factors in the development of the IHB.—*(The Reporter, Vol. XVII, No. 11, November, 1958.)*

Mr. Conover resides at 225 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., and is a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

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FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE BLIND

THE MIGEL MEDAL

Harvey Conover - A Tribute

Harvey Conover, president of the Conover-Mast Publications, has been missing at sea since January 2. While heading for Miami from Key West, his yawl, Revonoc, was caught in a near-hurricane that hit the southern tip of Florida suddenly and without warning. On board with him were his wife, Dorothy, a son and daughter-in-law, Lawrence and Lori Conover, and their friend, William Fluegelman. Aside from a dinghy that was washed ashore a few days later, no trace of the boat or those on it has been found, despite extraordinary search by the U. S. Coast Guard, the Navy, Marines, Civil Air Patrol, Cuban Air Force, and others.

Harvey and I started Mill & Factory, Conover-Mast's first publication, thirty years ago. I was closely associated with him for five or six years before that, and I suppose I knew him just about as well as anyone did outside of his immediate family. But close as I was to him, I knew only a part of him, and doubt that anyone knew him as a whole. He was a many-sided man, a prodigious worker, with the irresistible drive of a 500-hp. bulldozer. Moreover, he was a perfectionist. Nothing was ever just "good enough". He stood for perfection in everything he did, whether it was polishing the rough spots off a new idea for serving one of the many fields covered by Conover-Mast publications or delicately threading a sailboat through a crowded harbor. He seemed to be the complete extrovert. But that was only on the surface. Actually he was a highly sensitive man, extremely perceptive, and modest to a marked degree.

If you met Harvey once you never forgot him. It was impossible for him to make a merely mild impression. Whether his contact was with prime minister or shoeshine man, it was an uninsulated person-to-person meeting. He saw a man as a man. A few days after the disappearance of the Revonoc was announced, Vito Clarizio, one of the elevator men in our building, said, "I hardly slept the last three nights worrying about Mr. Conover." That was the kind of impression he made on people.

He was 65, and at height of his powers, but as a prudent man and foresighted executive, he not only saw the need for forward-planning but insisted that those plans be executed. As a result, for the past five years each Conover-Mast magazine has operated as a complete entity, with its own publisher and staff.

HARVEY CONOVER

It would take a book to do justice to his many contributions to trade magazine publishing. The Conover-Mast organization itself is a monument to him. When he and I started the company, there were just four of us. Now we number several hundred. From one publication we have grown to seven.

His favorite expression was, and I have heard him use it many times, "Life is just one change after another. What's done is done. Let's get on with the job." Which is exactly what we are doing. Conover-Mast has been built soundly. Our long-range program of constant improvement and expansion to the fields we serve continues. We still get on with the job.

P. B. Mast, Sr.
Chairman of the Board

(Business/Commercial Aviation, Mar., 1958.)

(See Conover Family Bulletin, Vol. 20, pages 506-7)

— *Conographs* —

G. Earle Conover, manager of industrial relations for John A. Roebling's Sons Corporation, has been elected president of the Children's Home Society of New Jersey.

Conover follows Robert A. Smith as leader of the state's oldest privately financed, non-sectarian, non-racial child care and adoption agency.

Mr. Conover has been a director of the Society since 1954, has been an active worker for the Delaware Valley United Fund and has recently been named group chairman for the DVUF's Industrial Division. He has just finished his assignment as chairman of the Industrial Division for the McKinley Hospital building fund drive.

Mr. Conover resides with his wife and daughter at 1924 Pennington Road, Ewing Township. — *(Trenton Evening Times, June 23, 1958.)*

— VK —

Wills $500 to King's Daughters

The City Union of King's Daughters announced at its board meeting yesterday it had received a bequest of $500 from the late **Charles Conover** in memory of his wife, Mrs. Laura Van Nest Conover.—*(Plainfield, N. J. Courier-News, Nov. 14, 1958.)*

— VK —

Made An Eminent Member

Dr. William B. Kouwenhoven has been active in research and is known for his work in the field of Measurements, Contact Resistance Welding, and the Effects of Electricity on the Human Body. He has published more than 75 articles in leading magazines in this country, as well as his dissertation, "Uber Hochspannungsmessunger", published in Germany. The subjects cover a wide range and include such as treatment of electric shock, safety, electrical accidents, technical aspects of electric welding, electric instruments, testing, measurements, design and production of military weapons. He was honored by the International Electric Congress for two presentations in 1932 and again by the Resistance Welding Manufacturers Association in 1942, 1950 and 1952.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, January 13, 1886, Dr. Kouwenhoven received his EE degree from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1906, and his ME degree from the same school in 1907. After graduation, he went to work for the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company for a time, and then became instructor in physics at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

DR. WILLIAM B. KOUWENHOVEN

In 1910, he went to Germany and was awarded his Diplom. Ing. Degree in 1912, and the Doktor Ing. Degree in 1913 by the Karlsruhe Technishe Hochscule of Baden, Germany. After completing his work in Europe, he returned to America and served as an instructor in electrical engineering at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., from 1913 to 1914. In 1914, he was appointed in electrical engineering at the John Hopkins University. He attained his professorship in 1930 and was appointed Dean of the School of Engineering in 1938. He was retired and appointed Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering in 1954. He became Lecturer in Surgery, School of Medicine, John Hopkins University, in 1956.

Among his professional memberships he includes Fellow of AIEE and American Association for Advancement of Science; member of Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi and Phi Kappa Phi; American Welding Society, American Society for the Testing of Materials, National Society of Professional Engineers and American Society for Engineering Education. He is also a Registered Professional Engineer.

Dr. Kouwenhoven has served as a consulting engineer for the U. S. Bureau of Mines, U. S. Bureau of Standards and, during World War II, he held the rank of captain as an instructor in ROTC. — *(The Bridge of Eta Kappa Nu, Winter, 1957, page 15.)*

— VK —

A Talented Youngster

Donna Conover, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Conover of E. Plaza Place, Pleasantville, N. J., was the second place winner in the recent talent contest sponsored by the Absecon Mothers' Club at the Pleasantville High School. Donna, who presented an intricate acrobatic routine, is a member of West Atlantic City Brownie Troop 13. — *(Pleasantville Press, Feb. 12, 1959.)*

— VK —

Holland Society Elects Capt. Conover

At the last quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Holland Society of New York, **Capt. Nicholas Morgan Disbrow Conover,** a retired Monmouth County coastal skipper, was elected to membership in the Society. Now 103 years of age, Capt. Conover becomes the oldest living member of the Society whose members all descend in the direct male line from ancestors who settled in New Amsterdam prior to 1675. — *(Freehold, N. J. Transcript, March 19, 1959.)*

— VK —

Named County Club Agent

Brevoort C. Conover, a Flemington High School and Rutgers University graduate, whose appointment as Warren County Club Agent was announced this week, for the past three years has been with the Imlaystown GLF Store. His father, Nelson Conover, now chief custodian of North Hunterdon Regional High School, was formerly a farmer of the Quakertown area. Brevoort, who will succeed Thomas J. Murphy in Warren on April 6, was formerly president of the Milford 4-H Dairy Club, 4-H leader of the ABC Tractor Club, and active in other youth organizations.—*(Hunterdon County Democrat, April 2, 1959.)*

— VK —

Receives Commander's Award

Maj. Sydney M. Lilienfeld, **Capt. Carl V. Conover** and Tech. Sgt. Howard E. Baker were recipients of awards for outstanding work and special achievements with a component of the Air Force Reserve at the Sixth Annual Review of the 9072nd Air Force Reserve Group which was held at the Hammonton Armory in conjunction with Armed Forces Day.

Capt. Conover received this inscription on his Commander's Award: "For special achievement in Information Services Activities, Capt. Conover, through his diligent and unstinting devotion to duty, has caused considerable attention to be focused on the Air Force Reserve Program in the Atlantic City area. In conjunction with a recruiting campaign in the 9327th Air Reserve Sq., Capt. Conover was able to secure joint proclamations from 10 Mayors of communities in the South Jersey area proclaiming a Reserve Recruiting Week. These proclamations, with accompanying pictures and stories, were instrumental in bolstering Air Reserve interest and securing new recruits. By his actions, Capt. Conover has reflected the highest credit both on himself and the Air Reserve Program." — *(Pleasantville, N. J. Press, May 14, 1959.)*

— VK —

Elected Community Council President

H. Richard Conover, principal of the Millburn, N. J. Junior High School, was re-elected president of the Millburn Community Council at the May, 1959 meeting.

— VK —

Gets Advanced

Bruce W. Conover was promoted to manager of operations for South Jersey Gas Company, it was announced by T. H. Kendall, president of the utility. Conover has been superintendent of operations for the utility since 1957. He came to the Gas Company in 1953 as assistant engineer.

A graduate of Northwestern University, Conover came to South Jersey after serving with North Shore Gas Company, Waukegan, Ill., as industrial sales representative, and assistant superintendent of construction.

Conover is a member of the New Jersey Gas Association, Operating Section of American Gas Association, and National Society of Mechanical Engineers.

As Manager of Operations for the South Jersey utility, Conover will be responsible for the construction, service and distribution system of the 2,000 square miles and 79 municipalities served by South Jersey Gas.—*(Pleasantville, N. J. Press, May 21, 1959.)*

— VK —

A School of Design Graduate

Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Kouwenhoven of 35 Exeter Road, Short Hills, N. J., was graduated June 9, 1959, from Parsons School of Design, New York City, where he majored in Interior Design. He had two years at Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta and social chairman his second year.

Registered Cosmetologist

Patricia Ann Conover of RD 1, Englishtown, N. J., was awarded a diploma by David M. Malovany, dean of Wilfred Academy of Hair and Beauty Culture of Newark, N. J. Graduation exercises were held June 28, 1959, in the Pan-American Room of Hotel Douglas, Newark. During the exercises the title "Registered Wilfred Cosmetologist" (RWC) was conferred for the successful completion of the Wilfred System curriculum.

— VK —

YMCA Honors a Conover

Three prominent Freehold residents —Charles F. Dittmar, Augustus Mohr, Jr. and **Andrew J. Conover**—were honored by the Board of Directors of the Freehold YMCA, Monday night.

Plaques were presented to Messrs. Dittmar and Conover for 59 years as Y members and members of the Board of Directors; each has at one time served as president of the board and each is presently a member of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Mohr was presented with a plaque for nine years work as a leader of a Y group, a member of the Board of Directors, chairman of the program committee and president from 1953 to 1955. Mr. Mohr and his family are moving to Malibu, Calif

"Mr. Conover and Mr. Dittmar are typical of the laymen who make up the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees," Dr. Errickson, board president, commented.

"They give freely of their time and energy and are men who believe in good causes; men who believe in our youth. Here are two men," he continued, "who have each given 59 years of service, or a total of 118 years, to a cause in which they believe.

"They are examples of laymen the world over who go to make up the backbone of the YMCA."—*(Freehold, N. J. Transcript, Oct. 29, 1959.)*

— VK —

Borough Council Honors A. J. Conover

Andrew J. Conover of 3 Lincoln Place, who has resigned as member of the Board of Assessment, was honored Monday night by a resolution of the Borough Council expressing "thanks and appreciation for his aid and counsel" during his 39 years on the Board.

Conover, an attorney, was appointed to the Board of Assessment at its inception. His other civic services were also cited in the resolution.

Conover, the resolution said, "has given freely and unselfishly of his abilities and talents, which have been of great benefit and aid to the people of Freehold and to its governing body through all the years of his service." —*(Freehold, N. J. Transcript, Feb. 4, 1960.)*

— VK —

Promoted in Industry

Wallace Conover, Jr., formerly of Somerville, N. J., has been named new products manager for the Cannon Electric Company, with central offices at Los Angeles. Until his promotion, he was product specialist.

In his new position, Conover will examine all new product suggestions, search out new products compatible with production of the company and handle design, prototype and engineering until they become a product. Besides Los Angeles, Cannon has plants for manufacturing electronics equipment at Salem, Mass., and Montreal, Canada.

Conover is a graduate of Somerville High School and Parks Air College. He served in Naval Aviation in both World War II and the Korean War. He now holds the rank of commander in the Naval Reserve.

The Conovers make their home in Granada Hills, Calif.—*(Somerset Messenger Gazette, Mar. 24, 1960.)*

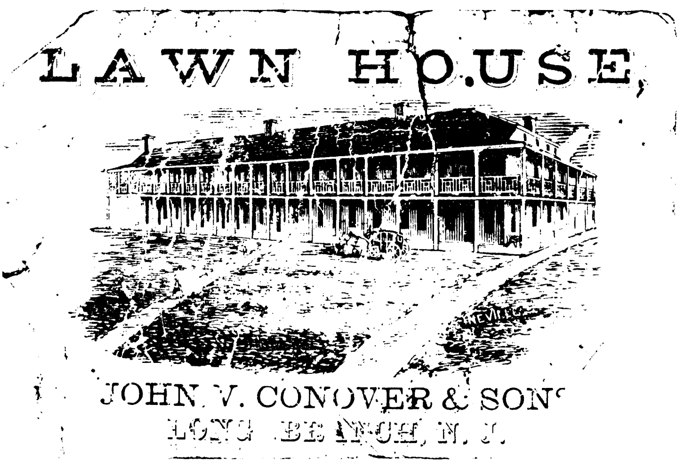
——— VK ———

Seashore Hotel Proprietors of Long Ago

Cornelius Lane didn't need to put on specs to see ahead. Notice the way he built The Lawn House 127 years ago on the corner of Brighton and Ocean Avenues, Long Branch, N. J.

The smart 2-story structure which provided each patron with privacy and porch space had many earmarks of 1959 motels.

Like pennies from heaven, this picture of the hotel in its infancy fell into the hands of the grandfather of Mrs. Florence Fleet Morford, 113 Branchport Avenue. One day **Alexander Van Brunt Fraser Conover** was standing on the sidewalk in front of his home, 215 Broadway. Along came a woman. He didn't know her. She knew him. Offer-



Reproduction of the business card

ing a card 4 by 3½ inches long she said, "I thought you'd like to have this picture." Indeed, he did.

Because in 1839 his father, John Van Brunt Conover, bought the Lawn House with its 34 acres of ground. Now linked with the Conover clan, it was often spoken of as The Conover House and was a showy place with its 175 rooms. The sound of money "talking" was pleasant conversation to Mr. Conover. And 94 years ago a dollar spoke with authority. That's why he sold out in 1865 to the Astor House Hotel Co. for $60,000. A neat deal in those days.

Later the hostelry became the Stetson House and then the West End Hotel. Anybody who was somebody had been there sometime.

Besides being a sharp businessman, John V. was a political diplomat, belonging to the New Jersey Assembly from 1857 through 1859. He was more than a joiner, being one of the founders of the Washington Masonic Lodge in Eatontown, N. J.

Time was when Mrs. Morford's great grandfather kept the wicks burning in those big lamps at Sandy Hook. It kept him hoofing it up and down the steps but he moved at a faster gait one day when his son, Alexander, then about 4, became ill.

Scurrying to the shore, he took off in a sailboat across the inlet. Once on the land side he maneuvered his way by horse and buggy to Eatontown, returning via the same route with a Dr. Van Derveer. For his professional attention the medico asked 50 cents and threw in some peppermint candies for the "kids".

The lollipop age hadn't arrived. — *(Long Branch Daily Record, April 7, 1959.)*

JOHN VAN BRUNT CONOVER
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Died October 9, 1896

HANNAH DENNIS CONOVER
Born April 5, 1801
Died May 1, 1888

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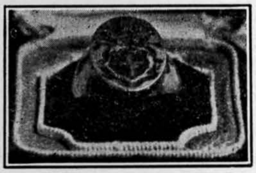

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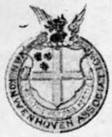

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OLD TENNENT CHURCH, TENNENT, NEW JERSEY

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 1960

The meeting was called to order by the President, Leon Conover, at 11:10 A.M. and a brief review of the past year was given along with the reading of letters from those who could not be present.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, gave a balance as of June 18, 1960 as $1,006.56 and a complete report is attached to and made a part of this record.

Membership and Genealogical Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom, Chairman, reported 12 new members elected since June, 1959, and a complete report is attached to and made a part of these records.

Nominating Committee Report. Wilson Conover, Chairman, gave his report which is the same as listed for our April, 1960, meeting. Arthur Kouwenhoven was voted in as President, after which Leon Conover, the outgoing President, presented Arthur with a gavel. Trustees elected for 3-year terms were as follows: Miss Janice Conover, Mrs. Joseph C. Ely, Mrs. R. A. Abrahamson, Mrs. Dorothy Sifton, Charles P. Conover, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven and Walter H. Kitchel.

The Afternoon Session. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M. Rev. Charles H. Neff, Pastor of Old Tennent Church, gave the Invocation and an Address of Welcome after which we enjoyed the vocal solos by Mrs. Donald V. N. Conover with Donald V. N. Conover as accompanist. A Memorial Service for deceased members was conducted by Mrs. Walter Conover.

A most interesting illustrated address was given by Dr. Louis W. Sipley, who is Director of the American Museum of Photography of Philadelphia. Of particular interest was his pictures of the Netherlands and the description of his travels in the Low Lands. After hearing his talk and seeing the pictures we all felt that we knew our own Netherlands much better. Dr. Sipley is a member of our Family Association.

The oldest members present were Samuel S. Conover and William R. Conover, both 91 years of age.

After singing the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds", the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Donald V. N. Conover, Secretary

Report of the Board of Trustees' Fall (1960) Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1960, AT PRINCETON INN PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

The meeting was called to order by Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, President, at 11:00 A.M. There were fourteen members present and seven guests: Arthur Kouwenhoven, President; Walter H. Kitchel, Vice President; Donald V. N. Conover, 2nd Vice President; Miss Janice Conover, Secretary; Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian; Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom, Membership Chairman; Herbert T. Conover, Editor of the Bulletin; Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies; Marvin Conover, Reunion Chairman; Trustees — Mrs. Joseph C. Ely, Charles Conover, Mrs. R. A. Abrahamson, Mrs. Frank Maps and Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley. Guests: Mrs. Van Nest Conover, Mrs. Donald V. N. Conover, Mrs. L. T. Blackwell, Mr. Joseph Ely, Mrs. Charles Conover, Mrs. Walter Kitchel and Mrs. Arthur Kouwenhoven.

The Secretary read the cards from those who could not be present. The President read three letters: one from Stanley R. Conover stating he would like to become a member; one from Lois B. Meaney regarding the Conover cemetery at New Brunswick, and one from Herbert M. Weiner pertaining to the death of Past President Harry W. Van Kouwenhoven.

Treasurer's Report. As Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, was on a world tour, there was no report made.

Membership and Genealogical Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom, Chairman, presented the following applications for membership:

Miss Dorothy Hope, 129 Perry Street, Apt.1-D, New York 14, N. Y.
Mrs. Stanley Leland, 34 Pitman Avenue, Ocean Grove, N. J.
Mrs. Lillian C. Bishop, 346 Park Street, Hackensack, N. J.
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Mrs. Sherman Conover, 7657 State Highway No. 128, Healdsburg, Calif.
Cpl. Stanley H. Conover, ER1311-4952, USA Ret., 66 Campbell Street, Red Bank, N. J.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the above be accepted as members of this Association.

Historian's Report. Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian, advised she would like another scrapbook purchased to care for our clippings and news items and also have the cover stamped with the Association's name. It was moved, seconded and passed that she make such purchase.

Agent-for-Supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent-for-Supplies, reported she had sold supplies at the 1960 Reunion to the amount of $49.50 and since then to this date in the amount of $14.50.

Reunion Committee. G. Marvin Conover, Chairman, stated the 1961 Reunion could be held at the Calvary Baptist Church, Hopewell, N. J. The Committee consists of G. Marvin Conover, Mrs. W. H. Grove, Walter Kitchel and Donald V. N. Conover.

Donald V. N. Conover suggested that we should have more Conovers participating in the activities at our reunions. He suggested singing, playing the organ, piano or other musical instruments, talks on trips, show movies or slides that would be of interest to everyone. Also Miss Mida Blake might be asked to be the speaker at our reunion as she has spent the summer traveling to many parts of the world.

Reunion Publicity. Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven advised she was having a problem obtaining paper, stamps, copies of publicity reports, etc. It was suggested that the number of copies sent out to those on the Publicity Committee be reduced from ten to five. The Committee will give Dorothy a draft of facts about the reunion and the letter will be read at the spring meeting, and that all members of the Committee send clippings from the papers to let her know if it was successful.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 for luncheon, and was reconvened at 2:00 P.M.

Nominating Committee was appointed and is comprised of Wilson N. Conover, Chairman; Charles P. Conover and Mrs. Robert Abrahamson.

Cemetery Committee. Mrs. Clarence Dawley, Chairman, reported that the Conover Cemetery at New Brunswick is small with fifteen graves and enclosed by a five-foot wire fence which has been erected by Palmolive Peet Co., who owns the land. She thought a sign could be put up at about a cost of $50 to $75 and that Mr. Mainey would have to be contacted to see if he was in favor of having it erected. A motion was made to contact the local DAR and ask if they were interested in erecting a marker. Mr. Mainey is to be advised by the President to contact the Government on the possibility of their putting up a marker or alternately to make his own arrangements.

Regarding the Covenhoven-Schenck Cemetery at Holmdel, she reported that it had been arranged to have a number of dead trees removed from the property.

The spring meeting is to be held at the Princeton Inn on April 15, 1961. The meeting was then adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Janice D. Conover, Secretary

——VK——

Report of the Board of Trustees' Spring (1961) Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1961, AT PRINCETON INN
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

The meeting was called to order by the President, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, at 11:00 A.M. There were in attendance seventeen trustees and six guests, namely: Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, President; Walter H. Kitchel, 1st Vice President; Donald V. N. Conover, 2nd Vice President; Miss Janice D. Conover, Secretary; Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian; Herbert T. Conover, Editor of Bulletin; Mrs. Viola Conover, Agent for Supplies; J. Marvin Conover, Reunion Committee; Wilson Conover, Nominating Committee; Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer; Mrs. Walter Grove, Reunion Committee; Willis Conover, Mrs. Dorothy Sifton, Mrs. Frank Maps, Charles Conover, Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson, Mrs. Clarence Dawley. Guests: Mrs. Van Nest Conover, Mrs. Donald V. N. Conover, Mrs. L. T. Blackwell, Mrs. Charles Conover, Mrs. Walter Kitchel and Mrs. Wilson Conover.

The President read cards received from those who could not attend this meeting. He also said he wrote to Julian Conover regarding his resignation and had received an answer stating that he had changed his mind and withdrew his resignation and enclosed his check for back dues. The President also wrote to Mrs. Arthur Pettie regarding lost secretarial records that were lost when Miss Tam Conover, Mrs. Pettie's sister, was Secretary. They are going to be unable to trace.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, gave her report as follows:

	Balance on hand June 18, 1960		$1,006.56
Received:	Reunion Dinner Fees		349.50
	Dues and Initiation Fees to date		497.00
	Supplies sold		65.50
	Total		$1,918.56
Paid Out:	Conover Press, printing of Bulletin, postage	$536.68	
	Conover Press, for Membership Cards	7.50	
	Wilson N. Conover, Expenses for Reunion, Memorial flowers, fees to church and janitor	38.75	
	Old Tennent Church for Dinners	360.00	
	Membership Chairman for Postage	7.23	
	Flowers for Harry Van Kouwenhoven's Funeral	15.45	
			965.61
	Balance on hand April 15, 1961		$952.95

Membership and Genealogist Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom, Chairman, being absent, the report was read by Miss Mida Blake as follows:

Transferred to the Ancestral Member List —

Mrs. Reuben Adams, Sr., Port Republic, N. J.
Mrs. Neil DeCicco, Absecon, N. J.
Clayton O. Thomas, Northfield, N. J.
Howard E. Conover, Absecon, N. J.
Leon A. Thomas, Jr., Absecon, N. J.
Mrs. Lyle C. Cheney, Vineland, N. J.
Mrs. Peter Broeren, Vineland, N. J.
Ernest V. Collins, II, Banta, Conn.
Norman H. Thomas, Northfield, N. J.
Richard A. Conover, North Caldwell, N. J.
Miss Dorothy Hope, New York, N. Y.
Mrs. Louis S. Trachsel, Knoxville, Tenn.
Mrs. Philip C. Gustafson, Los Altos, Calif.
Mrs. Richard H. Whitby, Hightstown, N. J.

Mrs. John L. Roof, Kenton, Ohio
Mrs. Warren A. Walls, Newport News, Va.
Mrs. David Farquhar, New York, N. Y.

Application for Membership—

Mrs. Walter C. Barney, 616 South Allen Street, Mesa, Arizona

Motion made and carried that this application be accepted upon approval of the genealogist.

Agent for Supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent, reported supplies to the amount of $17.50 sold since her last report.

Nominating Committee Report. Wilson N. Conover, Chairman, submitted the following names for election to the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting in June, their terms to expire in 1964:

Clarence Blazure
Donald V. N. Conover
Wilson N. Conover
Thomas S. Roberts
Mrs. Clarence Dawley
Miss Mida C. Blake
Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven

Tract Committee. The President suggested the tract that we now have in use should be the responsibility of the Membership Committee. Those present thought there should be a few corrections and that it should be made into three pages with the third page being used for an application of membership form. Mr. Kitchel suggested that Herbert T. Conover edit the present tract and get it prepared for a new printing. Mr. Kitchel also suggested we could give them out at our reunions, also put them in our Family Bulletin. Mrs. Clarence Dawley made a motion to prepare 5,000 copies but after a vote, it was decided to have 3,000 printed.

Historian's Report. Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian, exhibited an index file she is keeping pertaining to members of our Association. To date, she has 250 cards and 143 pages in the family scrapbook. She has obtained literature direct from the Netherlands about the country and suggested we should all have more correspondence with the Netherlands.

New Brunswick Cemetery. Mrs. Kitchel and Mrs. Dawley reported having contacted the Regent of the New Brunswick DAR about the grave of Joost Van Kouwenhoven, a Revolutionary soldier, in a family cemetery near New Brunswick, N. J. The DAR is willing to pay half if we go ahead with the matter. Mr. Mainey wants a wooden marker for which he would pay all costs. Our President wants to talk first with Mr. Mainey before anything is done.

Annual Reunion 1961, and Fall Trustees' Meeting. The date set for the Annual Reunion in 1961 is June 17th at the Hopewell, N. J. Baptist Church. The Fall meeting of the Board of Trustees was set to be held at Princeton Inn, Princeton, N. J. on October 7, 1961.

The meeting was then adjourned at 12:15 for luncheon and reconvened at 2:00 P.M. with 1st Vice President Walter H. Kitchel presiding as our President had to leave. Final arrangements for the Reunion were made and we approved a draft of the invitations to be sent out.

It was decided for those who wanted to attend to have a picnic on May 21, 1961, at the Schenck-Covenhoven Cemetery, Holmdel, N. J., and that Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Conover entertain us afterward with coffee, cake and ice cream. Mr. Walter Kitchel invited those who were interested to go to the grave of Albert Covenhoven, a Revolutionary soldier, at Larison's Corner, N. J. on Memorial Day, May 30, and then go somewhere in the near vicinity for luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Janice D. Conover, Secretary

Recent Events in the Family Circle

— *Births* —

Amy Carol Conover, born July 21, 1960 to Mr. and Mrs. Brevoort Conover of Belvidere, N. J. Mrs. Conover is the former Virginia McCray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville McCray, former residents of South Somerville, N. J.

Edward K. Conover Jr., born March 19, 1961 in Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J., to Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Conover of rural Lebanon, N. J.

Jeffrey Conover, born March 11, 1961 to Mr. and Mrs. George D. Conover of Amwell Road, Hopewell, N. J.

Marian Cecilia Conover, born March 23, 1961 in Fitkin Hospital, Neptune, N. J., to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ellard Conover of 12 Third Street, Freehold, N. J.

Richard Craig Conover, born October 29, 1960, to Richard D. Conover, Jr. and the former Patricia Smith, of Hyattsville, Md.

Steven David Conover, born January 2, 1961, to Mr. and Mrs. Lyman H. Conover, Pemberton, N. J.

Joseph Conover Ely, II, born July 9, 1960 to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson Ely of Roscoe, N. Y.

Jeffrey Darrell Russ, born April 5, 1958, in Elizabeth General Hospital, Elizabeth, N. J., to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell B. Russ of 15 Oxford Road, Colonia, N. J.

Sandra Jean Russ, born July 5, 1959, in Elizabeth General Hospital, Elizabeth, N. J., to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell B. Russ of 15 Oxford Road, Colonia, N. J.

Donna Lynn Seckinger, born March 19, 1961 at the Telfan-Candler Maternity Hospital in Savannah, Ga., to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Seckinger of Savannah. Mrs. Seckinger was the former Barbara Scull, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Farrest L. Conover of 579 Shore Road, Somers Point, N. J.

— *Marriages* —

A. Benton Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Conover of Line Road, Belle Mead, N. J., and Madeline Gara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Americo Gara of 21 Church Street, Raritan, N. J., were married April 15, 1961, by the Rev. Charles LaCavera, in St. Ann's Church, Raritan, N. J.

The bride is a graduate of Somerville, N. J. High School and a bookkeeper for the Belle Mead Garage in Belle Mead.

Her husband was graduated from Somerville High School and operates a dairy farm with his father.

Edward Kenneth Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kenneth Conover of rural Lebanon, N. J. and Ruth Joan Beavers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beavers of Cold Brook Cottage, Oldwick, N. J., were married September 24, 1960 in the Oldwick Methodist Church by Rev. Harold J. Moser, pastor of the church.

The bride is a graduate of North Hunterdon Regional High School and was employed in the office of the Radio Corporation of America in its Bridgewater Township branch. Mr. Conover is employed as a carpenter.

Ernest Conover, son of Mr. Ernest Conover Sr. and the late Elizabeth Conover of Absecon, N. J., and Lillian Hewitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hewitt of Steelmanville, N. J., were married February 12, 1961, in the First Baptist Church, Pleasantville, N. J., by the Rev. John Josephsen.

Horace Jack Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Conover Sr., of 23 Old Port Road, Oceanville, N. J., and Myra Helen Graves, daughter of Mrs. Rose Kelly of Cardiff and James Graves of Mays Landing, N. J., were married January 7, 1961 in the Absecon Methodist Church, Absecon, N. J., by the Rev. Harry B. Zane, pastor of the church.

Phyllis Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conover of Quakertown, N. J., and Earl B. Piell, son of Mrs. Ruth Piell of Pittstown, N. J., and the late Chester Piell, were married April 6, 1961 by the Rev. Robert Neill at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride, a graduate of North Hunterdon High School, is employed at the Flemington office of the N. J. Telephone Company. The groom is a graduate of Frenchtown High School and is self employed as a farmer. They will reside in Pittstown.

— *Deaths* —

Beth Conover, 3 years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Conover of Lake Park, Fla., was found dead in the swimming pool at her parents' residence May 21, 1960.

Surviving besides her parents are two brothers, Daniel and Wade; and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Conover of Absecon, N. J.

Daniel K. Conover, 11 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Conover of Lake Park, Fla., died August 4, 1960, at Palm Beach Hospital, as a result of inhaling rust spray fumes. Two months ago the Conovers' three-year-old daughter, Beth Ellen, accidentally drowned in the family swimming pool.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a brother, Wayde, 4, and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Conover of Absecon, N. J.

Elizabeth B. Conover, 53 years of age, of 100 West Johnson Ave., Somers Point, N. J., died at her home February 18, 1961. Born in Rockledge, Pa., she had been a resident of Somers Point for 25 years.

She is survived by her husband, Robert C. Conover; a daughter, Mrs. Walter Schuster of Somers Point; a son, Robert D. of Somers Point; a brother, Ronald Stowman of Philadelphia, Pa.; four sisters, Mrs. Joseph Schuff of Ocean City, N. J.; Mrs. Edwin Wardell of South Carolina; Mrs. John Martinand and Mrs. Gertrude Perron, both of Revere Beach, Fla., and three grandchildren. Interment was in Friends Central Cemetery, Linwood, N. J.

Elizabeth S. Conover died November 1, 1960 at the Ivy Nursing Home, Middletown, N. J. Born in Wickatunk, N. J., she was the daughter of the late Charles E. and Ella F. Conover. She was a member of the Old Brick Church, Marlboro, N. J.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Walter B. Cherry of Keyport, N. J., and Mrs. Henry C. Tilton of Berkeley Heights, N. J.; one brother, Henry L. Conover of Colts Neck, N. J., and five nieces. Interment was in Brick Church Cemetery.

Everett Conover, 55 years of age, of Penns Grove, N. J., manager of the DuPont Country Club, died September 16, 1960 in Salem County Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Conover, who was director of the Philadelphia Golf Assn., was born in Conovertown, N. J. and lived in Atlantic County 45 years before moving to Penns Grove. He was a member of Penns Grove Lodge 162, F.&A.M.; the Excelsior Consistory AASR Valley of Camden, and the Crescent Temple AAONMS of Trenton.

Survivors include a son, Everett R. of Pennsville; two brothers, Ernest of Tuckerton, N. J., and Linford of Conovertown; two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Thompson of Conovertown, and Mrs. Mildred Vola of Pleasantville, N. J., and two grandchildren. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Pleasantville.

George B. Conover, 79 years of age, banker and realtor, died September 27, 1960 at Atlantic City Hospital. He resided at 503 South Shore Road, Absecon, N. J.

He had helped organize the First National Bank in Absecon in 1916 and had served on the bank's board of directors until 1958. From 1914 until his retirement six years ago, he had been associated with the late Reuben L. Babcock Jr. in the Babcock and Conover realty firm with offices in Atlantic City. He was active politically at one time and served as a councilman-at-large.

He was a member at one time of the Keystone Lodge of Masons of Linwood, the Linwood Country Club, Atlantic City Yacht Club, Atlantic County Game Preserve, and the Absecon Methodist Church.

Besides his wife Emily, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Lewis Johnston of Timonium, Md. Interment was in Absecon Presbyterian Cemetery.

Howard Williams Conover, 61 years of age, died December 28, 1960 in Orlando, Fla. He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., February 4, 1899, son of Jacob Birdsall Conover and Laura Jackson. An insurance executive for many years, he attended Stevens School and Union College, and was graduated from Harvard College in 1921, later attending Harvard Law School and the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. For 22 years he was with the mortgage loan department of Prudential Insurance Company of America, Newark, N. J., until his retirement in 1955. Earlier he had been office manager at Nickel Fabricating Corp., Philipsburg, Pa., 1924-26, Treasurer of the New Jersey U. S. Bond & Mortgage Corp., Newark, 1926-29, and president of H. W. Conover & Co., Newark, 1929-33. During World War I he served in the U. S. Navy.

Long a resident of East Orange, N. J., he had resided in Orlando since his retirement. He was a member of the Holland Society of New York, Beta Theta Pi fraternity, American Legion, Harvard Clubs of New Jersey and Central Florida, Rio Pinar Country Club of Orlando, Ponte Vedra Club, and Elks Lodge 1079 of Orlando.

Surviving are his wife, the former Teona Catharyn Conerus; a daughter, Mrs. Scott Helm of Danville, Ill.; and a brother, Charles C. Conover of St. Petersburg, Fla. Interment was in Woodlawn Memorial Park, Orlando, Fla.

Jacob Conover of 87 Poplar Street, Trenton, N. J., died May 16, 1960 in Helene Fuld Hospital. A veteran of World War I, he was the son of the late Smith and Louisa Conover. Surviving are five sisters, Mrs. Bertha Young of Trenton, Miss Jean Conover of Whiting, Mrs. Lorraine Lynch, Mrs. Irene V. Miller, Mrs. Emily Hennessey of Brooklyn, N. Y., and two brothers, Arthur of Trenton and George of Hopewell, N. J.

Marion L. Conover, 60 years of age, of 799 New York Road, Conovertown, N. J., died January 21, 1961 at Atlantic City Hospital, Atlantic City, N. J.

Born in Philadelphia, Mrs. Conover had moved to this area as a child and had resided in Conovertown for 45 years. She was a member of Absecon Methodist Church; Sterling Council No. 92 Daughters of America; Camp No. 9 of New Jersey Patriotic Order of America; Bayview Volunteer Fire Auxiliary; and the Galloway Township Democratic Club.

She is survived by her husband, Charles; a daughter, Mrs. Nicholas Denovchik of Passaic, N. J.; two sons, Harold and Charles, both of Absecon, and 11 grandchildren. Interment was in Absecon Methodist Cemetery.

Mary Reed Conover, 65 years of age, wife of G. Marvin Conover, died February 23, 1961, at her home on Reed Road near Pennington, N. J. She was born in Wertsville and lived in the Hopewell Township area most of her life.

Mrs. Conover was a member of the Ladies Aid Society of the Calvary Baptist Church of Hopewell.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two daughters; Mrs. Fred Thompson of Titusville and Mrs. Robert Hill of Rahway; two sons, John G. Conover of Pennington and G. Delbert Conover of Hopewell; one brother John Reed of Camden; three sisters, Mrs. Fred Rettberg of Westville, Mrs. R. W. Sides of Clearwater,

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SATURDAY, JUNE THE EIGHTEENTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY
OLD TENNENT CHURCH
TENNENT, NEW JERSEY

— Program —

—— VK ——

Business Meeting - 11 a.m.

In the Church Auditorium

WELCOME AND REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

Mr. Leon Conover, Absecon, N. J., President of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association

Secretary's Report - Mr. Donald V. N. Conover

Treasurer's Report - - Miss Mida C. Blake

Committee Reports and other business

Nominating Committee Report Mr. Wilson Conover

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

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DINNER—12:30 p.m. in the Parish House

Afternoon Session - 2:30 p.m.

In the Church Auditorium

INVOCATION - - - Rev. Charles H. Neff
Pastor of Old Tennent Church, Tennent, N. J.

WELCOME - - - Rev. Charles H. Neff

VOCAL SOLOS Mrs. Donald V.N. Conover, Mr. Donald V.N. Conover
Solost *Accompanist*

1. "If I Could Tell You" *Isabelle Firestone*
2. "Beautiful Dreamer" *Stephen Foster*

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS
Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom, of Absecon, N. J.
Chairman of Membership and Genealogical Committee

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS (See back page)
Conducted by Mrs. Walter Conover, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.

ILLUSTRATED ADDRESS - Dr. Louis Walton Sipley
Director of American Museum of Photography, Philadelphia, Pa.

HYMN—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

— Memorial Service —

(People standing)

LEADER: Each year from our group some souls pass on to their heavenly home. We read in John 14, 27th verse—

> "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you;
> Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
> Let not your heart be troubled,
> Neither let it be afraid."

LEADER reads the names of deceased members and flower is placed in vase for each one.

LILLIAN CONOVER MAXWELL, Somerville, N. J., Died Oct. 12, 1958
J. NELSON RAMSEY, New York City, Died April 29, 1959
HARRY A. CONOVER, Springfield, Ohio, Died November 20, 1959
OLGA D. WRIGHT, Long Branch, N. J., Died February 23, 1960
WADE HAMPTON SCULLY, Somerville, N. J., Died March 28, 1960

LEADER: I have not seen Eternity...or talked to one who knows...
Because it is intangible...as any wind that blows.
I have not walked among the dead...or heard the angels pray...
Nor do I have the magic sight...that goes beyond today.
And yet as I may feel the wind...and find it warm or cold...
I find that death is never all the future has to hold.
I know there must be something more than merely smiles or tears,
And more than just the calendars...that mark the passing years.
And surely as I tell myself...I have a lasting friend...
And there must be a God above,
Forever without end.

—*James J. Metcalfe*

LEADER: May we bow our heads in prayer.
O God, Thou who art infinite, and whose wisdom is far beyond our ability to understand, we thank Thee for Thy guidance and comfort of the spirit of those who so faithfully lived among us and have returned to Thee. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

VOCAL SOLO—"The Lord's Prayer" - . *Albert Hay Malotte*
Mrs. Donald V. N. Conover, Soloist—Donald V. N. Conover, Accompanist

Fla., and Mrs. Edward Merger of Delanco; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Interment was in Highlands Cemetery, Hopewell, N. J.

Orville L. Conover, 58 years of age, of 120 Coolidge Ave., Absecon, N. J., died January 14, 1961. A maintenance man at the Seaview Country Club, Mr. Conover was born in Oceanville, N. J. and had resided in Absecon for eight years. He is survived by his wife, Gladys. Interment was at Absecon Presbyterian Cemetery.

Raymond W. Conover, Sr., 68 years of age, died December 20, 1959, at his home 126 Hanover Street, Pemberton, N. J. Born in Oceanville, N. J., Mr. Conover had resided in Pemberton since he was a young man and had been in the building contracting business for 42 years.

He was a member of the Pemberton Methodist Church, a director of the Pemberton Building and Loan Association, a former member of the board of education and was elected tax assessor in November.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred Neff Conover; two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Emmons and Mrs. Jane Tabone, both of Pemberton; three sons, Raymond, Jr., Lyman and Lynn, all of Pemberton; and a brother, Edgar Conover of Absecon, N. J. Interment was in IOOF Cemetery.

Sarah H. Conover, 62 years of age, died July 18, 1960 at her home at Du-Pont Country Club, Penns Grove, N. J. Born in Philadelphia, she lived in Atlantic County 40 years before moving in Penns Grove.

Survivors include her husband, Everett Conover; a son E. Robert of Penns Grove; her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. William Mullin of Pleasantville, N. J.; two brothers, William Mullin Jr. of Miami and John J. Mullin of Clifton, N. J.; and a granddaughter. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Pleasantville.

Sarah May Conover, 78 years of age, of 10 Radford Avenue, Cranford, N. J., widow of L. Austin Conover, died December 18, 1960 in Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, N. J.

Born in Three Bridges, N. J., she had lived in Cranford 55 years. She was a member of the Ladies Home Missionary Society of the Alliance Church.

She is survived by two sons, Clifford A. of Westfield, Mass., Vernon R. of Orlando, Fla.; two brothers, Charles and Abraham Holcombe, and two sisters, Mrs. Burris Van Fleet and Mrs. William Stants, all of Somerville, N. J.; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Interment was in Three Bridges Cemetery.

William R. Conover, 90 years of age, retired farmer of Baird Road, Manalapan, N. J., died September 23, 1960 at Fitkin Hospital, Neptune, N. J.

Active in civic and community affairs, Mr. Conover resided in Manalapan all his married life. On December 14, 1959 he and Mrs. Conover celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Conover was an elder in the Manalapan Presbyterian Church for many years, served on the Board of Trustees and was active in other church affairs. He was a former member of the Millstone Township Board of Education and a charter member of the Englishtown Grange. When the latter disbanded he joined the Freehold Grange of which he was a member at the time of his death. He was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Laura Van Derveer Conover; his daughter, Mrs. John H. Lyle of Houston, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Nellie F. Pullen and Mrs. Charlotte C. Van Derveer, both of Englishtown; three grandsons, John H. Lyle Jr. of Sunnyvale, Calif.; William C. Lyle, Circleville, Ohio; and Robert C. Lyle of Hartford, Conn., and two great-grandsons. Interment was in Manalapan Cemetery.

George Mitchell Cowenhoven of 106 South Grove Street, East Orange, N. J., died May 8, 1961. He was the husband of the late Helen Glover Cowenhoven and is survived by a son, John Cowenhoven of Minnisink Road, Convent, N. J.

Mr. Cowenhoven was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. Inc.

Grace Kouwenhoven, 87 years of age, daughter of the late Cornelius and Annie Kouwenhoven, died December 17, 1960 at her home, 5461 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, N. Y., a house built in 1839 on land bought from Indians by an ancestor, Wolphert Gerretsen Van Kouwenhoven, in 1636. She was a long-time member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, Inc.

William W. Kouwenhoven, 67 years of age, of 107 Meadbrook Road, Garden City, N. Y., a partner in Laidlaw & Co., private bankers and members of the New York Stock Exchange, died at Nassau Hospital, Mineola, on February 5, 1961.

Mr. Kouwenhoven was a native of Brooklyn, son of the late William H. and Annie Bergen Kouwenhoven and a direct descendant of Wolphert Gerritse Van Kouwenhoven, who emigrated from the Netherlands to America in 1630.

After graduating from Brooklyn Polytechnic Preparatory Country Day School, he joined Laidlaw in 1917 and became a partner in 1947.

He was a Navy veteran of World War I, a trustee of the Williamsburgh Savings Bank and a member of the Holland Society of New York, the St. Nicholas Society of Nassau County and the Union League, Downtown Athletic, Garden City Golf and Lawrence Beach Clubs. He was a Grand Lodge officer of the New York State Masons and a member of Aurora Grata and Kismet Temple, Brooklyn, and a long time member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Joyce Kouwenhoven; a daughter, Mrs. Joyce K. Tappen; a sister, Mrs. Lucretia K. Callmer; and a grandson, Brett W. Tappen. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Harry W. Van Kouwenhoven of 104-20 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, L. I., N. Y., died June 19, 1960. He was a Past President of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, having served as president from 1952 to 1954. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Zelia Van Kouwenhoven.

Rev. Dr. Arthur Adams, Protestant Episcopal clergyman and educator, died June 21, 1960 in Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass. He was 79 years of age, born in Pleasantville, N. J. May 12, 1881, a son of James R. and Marietta (English) Adams. He married, first, June 22, 1910, Emma G. Steelman of Pleasantville, N. J. His second marriage, August, 1959, was to the former Elizabeth Clever of New York and Boston.

Dr. Adams graduated from Rutgers in 1902. He studied English in the Graduate School of Yale University, receiving the degree of M.A. in 1903, and that of Ph.D. in 1905. After teaching a year in the University of Colorado, he went to Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., where he was Professor of English until his retirement. He was also a clergyman in the Episcopal Church, having been ordained priest May 13, 1909. He had served as examining chaplain of the Connecticut Diocese and as a director of the New Jersey Commission on Historical sites.

He was a Fellow of Society of Genealogists of London, Society of Antiquaries of London, Royal Society of Literature of the United Kingdom. He was president of the American Society of Genealogists. He had held high offices in the Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, and the General Society of Colonial Wars. He was a member of the Committee on Heraldry of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Dr. Adams was chairman of both the Library Committee and the Record Committee of New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Order of Three Crusades, Saint Nicholas Society, American Historical Society, Connecticut Historical Society, Modern Language Association of America, Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, Lake Family Association, and many others.

He is survived by his wife, and a son and daughter. Interment was at Hagerstown, Md.

Eunice Conover Braidwood, 69 years of age, wife of Horace Braidwood, died April 6, 1961, at her home on East Brook Lane, Conovertown, N. J. Born in Oceanville, she was a life-long resident of Atlantic County and was a member of Bayview Methodist Church.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two daughters, Mrs. Eva Mae Adams of Port Republic and Mrs. Doris DeCicco of Absecon; four sons, Leon A. Thomas of Conovertown, Lawrence of Absecon, and Clayton and Norman both of Northfield; a brother Clayton Conover of Oceanville; a sister, Mrs. Wilhelmina Rider of Absecon; 20 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Interment was in Absecon Presbyterian Cemetery, Absecon, N. J.

Mary Avery Glenn, 85 years of age, of 195 Prospect Street, East Orange, N. J., died January 22, 1961 in East Orange General Hospital. Born in Elizabeth, she had lived in East Orange for many years.

After attending Mount Holyoke College, she studied at the Art Students League, New York, and under artists including William M. Chase and F. Luis Mora. She also served as a pastor's assistant and did social work in Newark and Morristown Presbyterian churches.

During World War I, Miss Glenn was secretary to Col. Marston T. Bogert, then head of the chemistry department at Columbia University. She also served with William C. Redfield who was Secretary of Commerce in President Wilson's cabinet. After her retirement 20 years ago she wrote many stories for the American Girl magazine, published by the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. Miss Glenn was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Frederick R. Maddock of South Orange, N. J., and Mrs. Ann Stoddard with whom she made her home.

Jeanette V. May, 88 years of age, died November 21, 1960 in Foothill Acres Nursing Home, Neshanic.

Born near Neshanic, N. J. on September 4, 1872, she was a daughter of the late John V. and Mary Conover Huff. Her husband was the late Rev. John May, who died in 1923. She had resided at Neshanic for the past 28 years, and was a member of the Neshanic Methodist Church.

Surviving are four sons, Everett S., of Hawthorne, N. J., Eugene F., of Bayonne, N. J., John B., of Hyannis Port, Mass., and Robert H., of Neshanic. Another son, Arthur, died in 1950. Also one sister, Mrs. Anna Griscom, and two brothers, Edwin W. Huff and Henry C. Huff, all of Neshanic. Interment was in the Neshanic Cemetery.

Carle Bowen Moore of Lincoln, Illinois, 60 years of age, died May 1, 1960. He was born in Broken Bow, Nebraska, May 27, 1900, son of Mrs. Iva Mae (Adams) Moore and the late Rev. Everett A. Moore. He was active in all orders of the Masonic Lodge and a member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Surviving in addition to his mother is his wife, La Vara Leonard Moore; a daughter, Dorothy Margaret Moore, II; a son, Charles Leonard Moore; a brother, Marion G. Moore of Grand Haven, Mich.; and a sister, Mrs. John R. Parker of Lincoln, Illinois. He is a direct descendant of Robert Crownover. Interment was in Zion Cemetery, Lincoln, Illinois.

Eva G. Conover Myers, 73 years of age, of 310 Superior St., Kenton, Ohio, died January 23, 1961 at Hardin Memorial Hospital, Kenton.

She was born in Wyandot County June 17, 1887, daughter of John Jacob and Mary Susan Heller Gaster and had been a resident of Kenton 36 years. She was a member of the First Methodist Church.

In 1906 she was married to **David Floyd Conover** who died in September 1926. In Kenton on April 14, 1953 she was married to Leonard Myers who survives her. Others surviving her are three daughters, Mrs. George A. Keel, Mrs. Clarence W. Shelton and Mrs. John L. Roof, all of Kenton; one son, Dale F. Conover of Kenton, 13 grandchildren, and one brother, John Gaster of Upper Sandusky. Interment was in Hueston Cemetery, Forest, Ohio.

Ada Mae Conover Rideout, 49 years of age, wife of Carl Rideout of 211 Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland, N. J., died May 1, 1961, in Mountainside Hospital. She was a member of the Methodist Church and of the Town Set, a social group.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, James Reichardt at home; two step-sons, James Rideout of West Caldwell and Donald Rideout at home; a brother, Dr. Eldred Conover of Roseland, and four grandchildren.

Caroline L. Ryon, 69 years of age, of Glendale Manor Apartment, Pleasantville, N. J., died November 4, 1960. She was a daughter of the late Louis B. and Lena L. Ryon, and a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. Interment was in Salem Cemetery.

Nellie L. Schanck, 73 years of age, of Freehold, N. J., died June 27, 1960 at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, N. J. Born in Vanderburg, she was the daughter of the late James and Margaret Conover Bennett.

She is survived by her husband, Asher D. Schanck Sr.; two sons, George D. Schanck of Holmdel, N. J. and Asher N. Schanck Jr. of Fremont, Iowa; two daughters, Mrs. Milton Bennett of Belford, N. J. and Mrs. Percy Gray of Red Bank, N. J.; two brothers, Charles Bennett of River Plaza, N. J., and John O. Bennett Sr. of Freehold, N. J.; four sisters, Mrs. Arthur Smock, Mrs. Margaret DuBois, Miss Emma Bennett and Mrs. VanNest Thompson, all of Freehold, and nine grandchildren. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Freehold.

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— Conographs —

Kouwenhoven Miami Track Captain

Pete Kouwenhoven, former state champion quartermiler from Millburn High, has been elected captain of the 1961 Miami University track and field team, it was announced last week.

Pete, who is the Millburn High School and Suburban Conference record holder in the 440, is now in his junior year at the university of Coral Gables, Fla. At Miami, Pete has starred in the sprints and the quarter, and this year hit a best at the 440 of 48.5 seconds in a dual meet against Yale's strong team.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Kouwenhoven of 35 Exeter Road, Short Hills, N. J. — *(Millburn-Short Hills Item, May 26, 1960.)*

— VK —

Gets His A. B. Degree

David Brewster Parker of Lincoln, Illinois, graduated with an A. B. degree from Illinois Wesleyan University, June 5, 1960. He attended Amherst College two years where he was a member of Chi Pai fraternity. He is a direct descendant of Robert Crownover and Elder William Brewster, and belongs to the Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Sons of the American Revolution.

— VK —

New College Apartment Building "Conover Hall"

One of two new apartment buildings for married students at the University of Delaware has been named **"Conover Hall"** in honor of **Elisha Conover, Jr.,** a longtime professor of ancient languages.

The buildings are under construction at Elkton Road and Amstel Avenue, in Newark, Delaware. First of their kind at the University of Delaware, the buildings will help meet a trend which is bringing increasing numbers of married students both undergraduates and graduates, into American universities.

Professor Conover was a member of the faculty from 1895 to 1937 and an emeritus professor until his death in 1944. It is said that he could remember faces and names of his students years after they had graduated. Although his own salary was modest, he was concerned by the large number of students who could not afford to complete a college education. Under his wife's will, his entire life savings, some $80,000, was turned over to the university to provide scholarships for needy students in the school of arts and science.

— VK —

A Squad Member 25 Years

John M. Conover of 60 VanderVeer Avenue last week marked his 25th anniversary as an active member of the Somerville Rescue squad.

He is a former captain of the squad and served nine years as its president. Recently he was returned to the presidency to fill the unexpired term of Paul Baldinger. He is also an exempt fireman.

Conover has been borough tax assessor since 1950. He is a traveling auditor employed by Public Service Corporation. — *(Somerset Messenger-Gazette, Somerville, N. J., June 16, 1960.)*

— VK —

Simple Way to Restore Heartbeat

Three John Hopkins Hospital surgeons explained that their method, which can be taught to a person within minutes, eliminates the need for opening the chest and massaging the heart.

They have tried it on more than 50 patients who ranged in age from one month to 82 years. In 72 per cent of cases attempted, patients were restored and survived.

Describing their techniques in a current issue of the Journal of the American Medical Assn. are **Dr. W. B. Kouwenhoven,** lecturer in surgery and professor emeritus of electrical engineering; Dr. James R. Jude, resident surgeon, and Dr. G. Guy Knickerbocker, instructor in surgery.

In restoring the heartbeat, a doctor places his hands, one on top of the other and the heel of the bottom one on the lower part of the patient's breastbone. Firm pressure is applied about once a second and the hands are lifted at the end of each stroke to permit the chest full expansion.

The surgeons explained they have been able to keep up the treatment for as long as an hour and 10 minutes without evidence of harming the chest or heart. City firemen have been taught the method and two of them recently restored the heartbeat of an elderly man. — *(Newark, N. J. Evening News, July 5, 1960.)*

— VK —

Faithful Service Honored

Arthur V. Conover of Freehold, N. J., was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for State service from Salvatore A. Bontempo, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Conservation and Economic Development. The certificate, signed by Governor Robert B. Meyner, was presented to Conover on his retirement after 33 years of service in the Bureau of Forestry. He was appointed division warden in 1943, which position he held until his retirement. He was a leader in the development of mobile forest fire fighting equipment. — *(Freehold, N. J. Transcript, July 14, 1960.)*

— VK —

Named President of Company

William Conover has been named president of Gray Manufacturing Co. of Hartford, Conn.

Previously, Mr. Conover was president of Morse Boulger, Inc., a New York construction engineering firm.

Gray produces sound reproduction equipment, telephone switchboards, radar equipment and other electrical devices.

— VK —

Heads Pleasantville GOP

Virgil "Burkie" Conover, president of the Lake and Risley Lumber Company, was installed as president of the "rejuvenated" Pleasantville Republican Club on July 21 at a dinner held at the Atlantic City Country Club, Northfield. — *(Pleasantville N. J. Press, July 28, 1960.)*

Twelve year old Lad Assists the Coast Guard

Four men were rescued Saturday night, August 20th when their 27-foot boat was beached here after its engine had failed a short distance offshore. Two of the men were injured Sunday in unsuccessful attempts to pull the boat off the beach.

Robert Morgan, 43, of Idaho Avenue, Cape May, and David Babcock, of 714 Leaming Avenue, owner of the boat, were aboard it when a cable snapped as a Coast Guard boat tried to tow the beached craft out to sea.

Morgan suffered a head injury and Babcock sustained a broken arm.

With attempts to refloat it failing, the "Resand" was dismantled Monday.

Aboard at the time the boat drifted into shore Saturday evening were Babcock, Howard Yeager of Leesberg, and Robert E. Yeager of Vineland.

When Coast Guardsmen attempted to throw a line from their vessel to the beached boat Sunday without success, **Cameron Conover, Jr.** of Summit, N. J., 12-year-old grandson of **Mrs. J. Howard Conover,** of Cape May, swam into the ocean and carried the line between the two boats. The boy was concluding a brief vacation here with his grandmother at the time and returned to his Summit home shortly after the incident. — *(Cape May Star and Wave, Aug. 25, 1960.)*

— VK —

Takes Executive Post in Milwaukee Utility

Bruce W. Conover, who has been manager of operations of the South Jersey Gas Company, has accepted a position as assistant to the vice president in charge of operations of the Milwaukee Gas Light Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

Conover will assume his new duties Sept. 1. He has been with the local utility since 1950.

Active in the Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce, he has also served as a director of the Cerebral Palsy Association in the county.

The Conovers, who make their home on Conover's Alley, Linwood, N. J., have three children.

He is a Northwestern University graduate in mechanical engineering and holds a bachelor of science degree. — *(Cape May Star and Wave, Aug. 25, 1960.)*

— VK —

Made a Grand Knight

J. Ellard Conover was installed as Grand Knight of the Freehold Council, Knights of Columbus No. 1672, at the K. of C. home on Tuesday night. — *(Freehold, N. J. Transcript, Sept. 29, 1960.)*

— VK —

Becomes Treasurer of Plastics Firm

New treasurer of the Vulcanized Rubber and Plastics Company of Morrisville is **Wesley A. Konover** of 13 Patton Avenue, Princeton, N. J. Mr. Konover is a charter member of the Trenton Chapter, National Association of Accountants, and is serving his second year as its vice president. He also is a member of the Philadelphia Chapter, National Society of Business Budgeting. — *(Princeton, N. J. Packet, Oct. 6, 1960.)*

— VK —

Writes "The World's Worst Folly"

G. Courtney Conover of 1913 Franwall Ave., Silver Spring, Md., wrote this very interesting and informative article which appeared in the November, 1960, issue of The Freeman, a monthly journal of ideas on liberty, published by the Foundation for Economic Education, Inc., Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y. A few of the sub-titles are: The Production of Wealth, Mental Capital, Chance Discovery and Risk Taking, Invention, Labor, Capital, Research, Initiative, Self-denial, Foresight and Judgment. He concludes the article with this statement, "It must be concluded that Marxism, because of its record of violence, cruelty, and tyranny, and because of its complete lack of any foundation of truth, is Humanity's worst folly."

Mr. Conover is technically retired after many years of research and development for the chemical manufacturing industry, but remains actively self-employed in his special field and in general research for better living.

Named to National Unit

Charles D. Conover, of Absecon, Superintendent of Real Estate for Atlantic City Electric Company has been elected to the National Utilities Committee of the American Right-of-Way Association.

Conover is one of a dozen prominent utility superintendents from all parts of the United States who are serving on this committee. — *(Atlantic City Press, Nov. 4, 1960.)*

— VK —

Made Governor of N. J. Mayflower Society

At the annual meeting of New Jersey's Mayflower Society, which took place at Maplewood, N. J. on November 21, 1960, **Walter H. Kitchel** of Plainfield, N. J. assumed the society governorship succeeding Dr. Richard Stillwell of Princeton, N. J. Mr. Kitchel is a vice president of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, Inc.

— VK —

Brother and Sister Survive Plunge in River

South Branch, N. J. — An 18-year-old youth and his small sister had a miraculous escape from death Sunday morning when the car in which they were riding dropped 65 feet down a sheer embankment and landed in the Raritan River.

Charles Conover, Jr., 18, driver of the car, escaped with only a lip laceration and was treated at Somerset Hospital. **Jeanne Conover,** 10, was admitted to the hospital suffering a chest injury and abrasions of the elbows, legs and hips. Hospital authorities today said her condition was fair.

Charles Conover of New Center Road, father of boy and girl, took both to the hospital in his car.

The accident occurred at 11:15 o'clock on the River Road hill just south of the village. Young Conover told State Police he took his eyes off the road momentarily to glance into the back of the car and ran off the highway. The car struck a telephone pole and broke it off, then plunged down the embankment. The automobile was still in the river yesterday. — *(Somerset Messenger Gazette, Nov. 22, 1960.)*

— VK —

Slated for Directorship of Builders

Charles Conover, building contractor of 32 Conover Street, Freehold, N. J., is unopposed for a directorship appointment at the annual meeting of the New Jersey Shore Builders Association at the Beau Rivage Restaurant in Wall Township on Tuesday. — *(Freehold, N. J. Transcript, Dec. 8, 1960.)*

— VK —

Elected Fraternity President

John W. Conover of 95 Vander Veer Avenue, Somerville, N. J., has been elected president of Epsilon Chapter of Zeta Psi fraternity at Brown University.

Conover, a member of the senior class, is a member of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps and the Political Science Club. He is a candidate for a bachelor of arts degree.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Conover. — *(Somerset Messenger-Gazette, Somerville, N. J., Dec. 15, 1960.)*

— VK —

Graduates from Great Lakes

Stephen J. Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Conover of 1622 Pitney Road, Absecon, N. J., graduated from recruit training November 26 at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

The graduation exercises, marking the end of nine weeks of "boot camp", included a full dress parade and review before military officials and civilian dignitaries. — *(Pleasantville, N. J. Press, Dec. 22, 1960.)*

— VK —

Veterans Commend a Member

Albert Conover was accorded a standing ovation last night by members of the Charles Wesley Price Post, VFW, for his work with the post's drill squad and honor guard. — *(Pleasantville, N. J. Press, Dec. 29, 1960.)*

Gave Assist to Noted Architect

"Accordingly, Frank got a job as general helper to **Allen D. Conover,** a contractor who was also dean of engineering at the University of Wisconsin. Conover arranged for Frank to have time off to attend classes as a special student." — *(Frank Lloyd Wright: Defiant Genius, by Finis Farr in Sat. Eve. Post, Jan. 7, 1961.)*

— VK —

Honored by Right-of-Way Association

F. James Hitchen of Absecon, an assistant to the board chairman of Atlantic City Electric Company and **C. Donald Conover,** superintendent of real estate of Atlantic City Electric Company were among those honored by the Garden State Chapter No. 15 of the American Right-of-Way Association at their annual meeting and installation of officers . . . Conover was installed as third vice president. — *(Pleasantville, N. J. Press, Jan. 19, 1961.)*

— VK —

Named to Overseas Post

Wallace Conover Jr., formerly of Somerville, N. J., now of Los Angeles, Calif., has been named to the position of export manager—Overseas Division for Cannon Electric International.

The appointment follows Cannon's recent overseas expansion by the establishment of a new plant at Bornem, Belgium, and the acquisition last week of Cannon Great Britain as a wholly owned subsidiary.

Conover leaves this month for a six-week visit to several countries in Europe.

The former local man is a graduate of Somerville High School and Parks Air College. He served in Naval Aviation in both World War II and the Korean War. He now holds the rank of commander in the Naval Reserve.— *(Somerset Messenger-Gazette, Feb. 23, 1961.)*

— VK —

National Association Honors a Conover

At the 45th annual convention of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, recently held in Detroit, **H. Richard Conover,** Principal of Millburn Junior High School, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for distinctive professional service given to the advancement of secondary education during 1960.

The National Advisory Council, which is made up of officers of the State Associations, presented the certificates at a breakfast for all officers from fifty states, to those who had done something outstanding to promote good secondary education.

Mr. Conover is secretary of the New Jersey Secondary School Principals Association and this coming summer will be chairman of the Committee for the Workshop for New Jersey Secondary School Principals which will be held at Trenton State College in June. — *(Millburn-Short Hills, N. J. Item. Mar. 16, 1961.)*

— VK —

Named to Unit for N. J. Tercentenary

Trenton — Governor Robert B. Meyner today appointed an advisory public information committee of the New Jersey Tercentenary Commission. Among members of a subcommittee on the press is **G. Wallace Conover** of Somerville, editor of the Messenger-Gazette.

In announcing the appointments, Meyner said, "New Jersey can properly utilize the occasion of its 1964 Tercentenary to bring the attention of the nation and the world to the extraordinary richness of its historic accomplishments." — *(Somerset Messenger-Gazette, April 20, 1961)*

— VK —

Pledged to Fraternity

Betsy Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Conover of Valley Drive, Madison, N. J., was recently pledged to Alpha Kappa Omicron at Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., where she is a freshman in the school of nursing. — *(Morristown, N. J. Daily Record, April 11, 1961.)*

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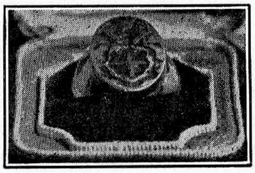

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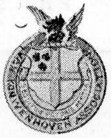

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The meeting was called to order by the president, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven. After an opening prayer, the president welcomed the members and guests. Letters were read from Mrs. W. C. Turner of Burlington, Iowa, who had traveled the greatest distance to attend our 67th Annual Reunion in 1963, and from O. D. Conover of Cleveland, Ohio, who at 84 years of age is active as a consulting engineer. Mr. Walter H. Kitchel, First Vice President, was congratulated upon his election as Governor General of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America.

The president commented briefly on the Trustees' meetings of October 13, 1692 and April 6, 1963, calling attention to the following three items of particular interest:

1. Appointment of Mrs. Rundstrom as Chairman of the 1964 Reunion Committee.
2. Amendment of the New Jersey State Tax Map to show the Covenhoven-Schenck burying ground in Holmdel, New Jersey.
3. Amendment to the By-Laws providing for the disposition of Association funds in event of dissolution.

The 1963 Reunion Committee was congratulated on its efforts in arranging for the meeting, particularly Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Roberts and William R. Conover.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, reported as follows:

Balance on hand April 6, 1963			$1,121.14
Received:	Dues and initiation fees	$127.00	
	Supplies sold	63.25	190.25
	Total		$1,311.39
Paid Out:	Power mower of cemetery	$106.50	
	Cost of jewelry sold	40.26	
	Cost of other supplies sold	15.41	
	Notices for Trustees' meetings	9.73	
	Reunion notices, programs, tickets, postage	71.15	
	Family Bulletins, envelopes, postage	387.01	
	Arthur B. Kouwenhoven for postage	16.25	
	Olive C. Rundstrom for postage	7.49	653.80
Balance on hand June 22, 1963			$657.59

Historian's Report. Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian, gave a very interesting account of her recent trip to Holland on a tour sponsored by the Holland Society of New York.

Reunion Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman of the 1964 Reunion Committee, discussed plans for the 1964 Reunion to be held at the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall in Atlantic City.

Other Officers and Committee Chairmen reported on their activities, including a very interesting review by Mrs. Clarence Dawley of the status of the burying ground in Holmdel, N. J.

Nominating Committee Report. Thomas S. Roberts, Chairman, proposed the following nominees as Trustees for the term of three years ending in 1966:

Arthur B. Kouwenhoven
Walter H. Kitchel
Janice D.Conover
William R. Conover
Charles P. Conover
Mrs. Joseph C. Ely
Mrs. R. A. Abrahamson

There being no other nominations, nominations were closed and, on motion, the Secretary cast one ballot bearing the names of the nominees who were declared elected.

On motion, the proposed amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Marietta Conover Matthews of Miami, Florida, received the award for traveling the greatest distance with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wolfert Kouwenhoven of Fort Myers, Florida, as runners-up. Leon Conover of Absecon, age 82, again won the award as the oldest member present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12 noon for luncheon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was reconvened at 2 P.M. with Dr. Sayre, pastor of the church, delivering the invocation, after which the president introduced a group of guests under twelve years of age.

The remainder of the afternoon session proceeded in accordance with the published program. Mrs. Rundstrom introduced the new members and announced that 25 new members had been admitted since June, 1962.

After a vocal selection by Peter Broeren accompanied by Donald V. N. Conover, Dr. Sayre spoke of his recent trip to West Germany.

The memorial service for deceased members was conducted by Mrs. Clarence Dawley assisted by Mrs. Mary Walker and Mrs. Louise Conover.

Miss Mida C. Blake gave a very interesting talk of her trip to Africa in 1962 and Floyd Walker showed a number of slides of the Covenhoven-Schenck Cemetery and the old Covenhoven Homestead in Holmdel, N. J.

JANICE D. CONOVER, Secretary

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Report of the Board of Trustees' Fall (1963) Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1963, AT THE PRINCETON INN, PRINCETON, N. J.

The regular Fall meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association was held on Saturday, October 19, 1963, at the Princeton Inn, Princeton, N. J.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 11:15 A.M. There were in attendance 16 members and 12 guests, namely: Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, President; Donald V. N. Conover, 2nd Vice President; Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer; Herbert T. Conover, Editor of the Bulletin; Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian; Walter H. Kitchel, 1st Vice President; Janice D. Conover, Secretary; Mrs. Viola Conover, Agent-for-supplies; Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Genealogist; Charles P. Conover, William R. Conover, Wilson Conover, Mrs. Clarence Dawley, Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson, Thomas S. Roberts and Mrs. Thomas S. Roberts. Guests: Mrs. Charles P. Conover, Mrs. Donald V. N. Conover, Mrs. Walter Kitchel, Mrs. William R. Conover, Mr. Leon Conover, Mrs. Leon Conover, Mrs. Van Nest Conover, Mrs. Wilson Conover, Mrs. Raymond Dilley, Mrs. Lester Blackwell, Mrs. Arthur Kouwenhoven and Mrs. Pauline Willard.

The President opened the meeting and read cards received from Trustees who were unable to attend. Among those read was one from Mrs. Willis Conover advising that her husband had suffered a stroke and was in Fort Dix Hospital. The members and guests present signed a Get Well card to be mailed to Mr. Conover.

The minutes of our June, 1963, Reunion were read and approved.

The President read a letter from Mr. Milton Conover indicating an interest in life membership. The President had replied that our Association does not have a life membership subscription plan. Walter Kitchel pointed out that due to the fact that our dues are nominal, it might put our Association in financial jeopardy if we permitted members to subscribe to life membership at a fee consistent with our current dues level and later found it necessary to increase dues to cover operating expenses. No further action was taken on this matter.

Treasurer's Report: Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, gave her report as follows:

Balance on hand June 22, 1963			$ 657.59
Received:	Dues	$233.00	
	Dinner money	440.00	
	Sale of supplies	83.05	756.05
			$1,413.64
Paid Out:	Florist	$ 6.00	
	Church for dinners	373.50	
	Speaker at Reunion	25.00	
	Sexton	25.00	
	Cost of jewelry sold	70.30	
	Cost of other supplies and postage	15.39	
	Service charge at bank	.57	515.76
Balance on hand October 19, 1963			$ 897.88

Agent-for-supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent-for-supplies, reported that since the Reunion to date we have sold supplies to the amount of $155.80.

Herbert T. Conover, Editor of the Bulletin, and Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian, had no formal reports.

Membership Committee and Genealogist's Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman, reported the following list of applicants for membership which were accepted subject to verification of lineage:

Robert E. Conover, 18 Bertoldo Road, Park Forest, Illinois
Mrs. Edwin Myers, R.D. No. 1, Pittstown, N. J.
Mrs. Donald Sampietro, 29 Kenyon Street, Clifton, N. J.
Mrs. Carl Wilson, 40 N.E. 98th Street, Miami Shores 38, Florida
Lawrence Thomas, 12 Forest Drive, Northfield, N. J.

Mrs. Lewis F. Mason, Box 294, R.D. No. 1, Linwood, N. J.
Mrs. Thelma Conover Ireland, Cornell & Lafayette Ave., Absecon, N. J.
Mrs. Malcolm N. Edmonston, 220 West 2nd Street, Moorestown, N. J.
Mrs. A. L. Wheeler, Sr., 802 Orchard Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach, N. J.
Charles L. Conover, 92 East End Avenue, Shrewsbury, N. J.
A. Verner Conover, 805 Orchard Street, Fairfax, Virginia
Mrs. L. E. Hendrix, 14 Mill Street, Cazenovia, N. Y.
Mrs. Joseph Haigney, 244 Park Avenue, Huntington, N. Y.
John C. Conover, 410 Corliss Avenue, Allenhurst, N. J.
William Ross Conover, 32 Walnut Street, Port Monmouth, N. J.
Mrs. Ronald C. Keifer, 3 Sally Ike Road, Brick Town, N. J.
Mrs. Floyd L. Walker, 13 Willow Brook Road, Holmdel, N. J.

Cemetery Committee Report. Mrs. Clarence Dawley, Chairman, suggested that dogwood trees be planted in the Covenhoven-Schenck Cemetery in Holmdel, N. J. next year. On motion, the Cemetery Committee was authorized to procure one dozen trees at a cost not to exceed $40.00. It was also suggested that funds for maintenance and beautification of the cemetery be reported on separately by the Treasurer. This might encourage gifts to the fund which, it is hoped, may ultimately be declared tax exempt.

The Amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation, adopted at the 1963 Reunion, has been notarized and filed with the County Clerks of Essex and Union Counties and with the Secretary of State in Trenton, N. J.

New Business. Miss Mida C. Blake read a letter she had received from Mrs. Mary Knotts. While on vacation in Aspen, Colorado, Mrs. Knotts found a large building with the name of H. B. Kouwenhoven carved across the top and thought this information would be of interest to the Family.

William R. Conover stated that his cousin, Mrs. Carl Wilson of Miami Shores, Florida, has in her possession a turkey platter which General George Washington had had especially made in Holland and which he had presented to Colonel Asher Holmes (great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Conover, whose daughter, Mary Holmes, married Hendrick P. Conover) as a token of friendship and esteem following a visit to the Colonel's home. Formal provision has been made for this platter to be presented to the Mount Vernon Foundation through our Association at a future time.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M. for luncheon and reconvened at 2 P.M.

Reunion Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Chairman, gave a very comprehensive and detailed report of proposed Reunion activities for the days of June 26, 27 and 28. Plans are that on Friday night, June 26, we might meet in the Viking or West Rooms of Haddon Hall in Atlantic City for a showing of historical slides of New Jersey. On the 27th we could meet in the Viking Room and then go to the Rutland Room for luncheon. Mrs. Rundstrom will give a brief talk about the background of the Batsto Restoration. Saturday afternoon we could go by bus for a tour of Batsto. Saturday evening we could have a Dutch Treat Supper in the Wedgewood Room. Before supper there would be a reception for members and guests. We hope to engage John A. Kouwenhoven, the author, to speak at either the luncheon or the supper. Sunday morning would be free time; then Sunday afternoon we might have a Dutch Treat early dinner at the Smithville Inn and enjoy the many fine shops.

Since this is New Jersey's Tercentenary Year and many people will also be coming to see the New York World Fair, the Committee plans on several pieces of advance publicity to encourage attendance at this Reunion and make it a memorable one. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

JANICE D. CONOVER, Secretary

Report of the Board of Trustees' Spring (1964) Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1964, AT THE PRINCETON INN
PRINCETON, N. J.

The meeting was called to order by President Arthur B. Kouwenhoven at 11:00 A.M. There were in attendance 16 Board members and 7 guests: Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, President; Donald V. N. Conover, 2nd Vice President; Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer; Miss Janice D. Conover, Secretary; Herbert T. Conover, Editor of the Bulletin; Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent-for-supplies; Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Genealogist and Chairman of Membership Committee; Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian; and Trustees, Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson, Mrs. Lola S. Cheney, Charles P. Conover, William R. Conover, Wilson Conover, Mrs. Clarence Dawley, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Roberts; Guests, Mrs. Charles P. Conover, Mrs. Donald V. N. Conover, Mrs. Van Nest Conover, Mrs. William Conover, Mrs. Raymond Dilley and Mrs. Arthur B. Kouwenhoven.

The President read cards from Trustees who were unable to attend. Word was received that Capt. Willis Conover is now in the Veterans' Hospital in East Orange, N. J.

The minutes of the October 19, 1963 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, reported as follows:

Balance on hand October 19, 1963			$ 897.88
Received:	Sale of supplies	$337.07	
	Dues	106.00	
	Balance from luncheon	1.40	444.47
			$1,342.35
Paid Out:	Jewelry	$237.95	
	Other supplies sold, postage & printing notices	118.50	
	Postage for Reunion Chairman	35.00	
	Recording fee	14.00	
	Bank service charge	.47	405.92
Balance on hand April 4, 1964			$ 936.43

Agent-for-supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent-for-supplies, reported that since her last report on October 19, 1963, supplies amounting to $261.05 have been sold.

Membership Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Genealogist and Membership Committee Chairman, reported the following applications for membership which were accepted subject to verification of their lineage:

Mrs. George N. Nash, 1205 Russell Drive, Decatur, Georgia
Frank Bray Conover, Atlantic Avenue, Manasquan, N. J.
C. Harvey Conover, 209 Jaehnel Parkway, Point Pleasant, N. J.
Mrs. Theodore H. McCarty, 1804 West Oakland, Sumtner, N. C.
Ashley Wagner Roop, 120 Twin Brooks Avenue, Middletown, N. J.
Mrs. George H. Senderling, 4224 Rhawn Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. Ronald L. Davison, 620 Jefferson Avenue, Morrisville, Pa.
William Gerrit Kouwenhoven, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.
Peter Wolfert Kouwenhoven, 1502 Palmetto Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida
Mrs. Herbert B. Conover, 10 West Laurel Road, Stratford, N. J.

Mrs. William Van Brunt, 604 Irving Place, Long Branch, N. J.
Capt. Robert Oliver Conover, 9 St. Quentin Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Applications for reinstatement:
Mrs. Walter Michelfelder, 16 West Laurel Road, Stratford, N. J.
Mrs. William P. Slover, 20880 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, California

Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian, showed a very old photograph of the Flatlands Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., which was established in 1654.

Herbert T. Conover, Editor of the Bulletin, reported that he hopes to have the next issue out around June 1st.

Cemetery Committee Report. Mrs. Clarence Dawley, Chairman, reported that on March 14, the Committee and several other members had a picnic luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Conover, Holmdel, N. J., after which a number of dogwood trees were planted in the Covenhoven-Schenck Cemetery. Mrs. Dawley said that every effort should be made to clean out the corner of the cemetery where the slaves are buried. There was considerable discussion about steps to protect the cemetery in the face of inevitable development of the surrounding land. It was agreed that we should be alert to any activity that might affect the cemetery, and it was felt that in the event the surrounding property is sold by the present owners, the purchaser would have a complete title search which should reveal who has title to the cemetery.

The morning meeting was adjourned at 12:20 P.M. for luncheon. The meeting reconvened at 1:45 P.M.

The Fall Trustees' Meeting. The Secretary had been unable to make a reservation at the Princeton Inn for the Fall meeting. On motion, the Secretary was authorized to make arrangements for the meeting at the Stacy-Trent Hotel in Trenton, N. J., on October 17th or 24th. Failing in this, the Secretary was authorized to make such arrangements as in her judgment would be satisfactory.

Reunion Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom, Chairman, reported as follows the proposed program:

Friday, June 26:	Registration	7:00 P.M.
	Informal Program	9:00 P.M.
Saturday, June 27:	Registration	9:30 A.M.
	Business Meeting and Memorial Service	10:30 A.M.
	Buffet Luncheon	12:00 Noon
	Bus Trip to Batsto	1:30 P.M.
	Reception	7:00 P.M.
	Dutch Treat Dinner	8:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 28:	Dutch Treat Luncheon	12:00 Noon

On motion, the Committee was authorized to engage Dr. Kenn Stryker-Rodda to speak at the Dutch Treat Dinner.

In the event of rain on Saturday, our guests would be free to attend moving pictures shown by the hotel.

Mrs. Rundstrom agreed to furnish Herbert T. Conover samples and "copy" for the program and invitation. The majority of Trustees favored a combination identification badge and commemorative orange ribbon.

On motion, the Agent-for-supplies was authorized to expend a sum not to exceed $100.00 for a stock of the most popular items of jewelry to be available for sale and display at the Reunion.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

JANICE D. CONOVER, Secretary

Recent Events in the Family Circle

— Births —

Edward Russell Conover, born November 22, 1963 at Shore Memorial Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Conover of Oak Street, Oceanville, N. J.

Mark Allan Conover, born August 13, 1963 to Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Conover, Jr. of Hayward, California.

Elizabeth Louise Barr, born January 29 1964 to Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Barr of 107 Putting Green Avenue, Northfield, N. J.

David Lee Blomeley, born July 12, 1963 to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blomeley of Denver, Colorado, and is a great-grandson of **Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Conover, Sr.** of Reno, Nevada.

William Conover Lyle, Jr., born July 31, 1963 to Mr. and Mrs. William Conover Lyle of 128 Segsbury Drive, Williamsville 21, N. Y.

Elizabeth Relin, born August 21, 1963 at North Shore Hospital, Manhasset, L. I., N. Y., to Phillippe and Lois Potter Relin of Paris, France. Mrs. Relin is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taft Potter of Brooklyn, N. Y.

— Marriages —

Blanche Reid Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Reid Conover of 1006 Sunset Ave., Asbury Park, N. J., and Donald Joseph Sampietro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Charles Sampietro of 1146 East 104th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., were married July 27, 1963 at the First Methodist Church, Asbury Park, by the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Sayre, pastor.

The bride is a senior at Montclair State College, where she is majoring in social studies and speech. She is a member of the Women's Recreation Association, and the Player's Theater Group at the college.

Mr. Sampietro was graduated from the University of Alabama School of Engineering. He is a member of Theta Xi Fraternity and the American Association of Industrial Engineers. He is employed in the management division of American Can Co., Jersey City.

The couple will reside at 29 Kenyon Street, Clifton, N. J., after August 15.

John W. Conover of Rockville, Md., son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Conover of 95 Vander Veer Avenue, Somerville, N. J., and Lieutenant (j.g.) Mary Rebecca Maloney, Waves, USN, daughter of Mrs. Richard C. Maloney of State College, Pa., were married

The bride is a graduate of St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg, Md. She is presently stationed at the Pentagon, Washington. Her father is dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Penn State.

Mrs. Conover is also a writer. She is author of "General Reynolds and 'Dear Kate'," in the current American Heritage. She has articles in McCall's and Good Housekeeping.

Mr. Conover was graduated from Brown University and recently completed two years' service as a Naval officer. He is presently employed as a system engineer by IBM in Washington, D. C.

The couple will reside in Rockville, Md.

Judith Ann Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Conover of 35 Union Street, Dover, N. J., and Richard Irving Castell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Castell, Sr. of Netcong, N. J., were married October 5, 1963 at

Sacred Heart Church, Dover, N. J. Fr. Jasitis performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Castell is a key puncher with Allied Chemical and her husband is employed by J. C. Penny.

The couple will reside at 239 South Main Street, Wharton, N. J.

Leonard John Conover, son of Mrs. Frederick Conover of 317 Hickory Street, Kearny, N. J. and the late Mr. Conover, and Beth Ellen Costello, daughter of Mrs. Ruth E. Costello of Highland Avenue, Kearny, and John H. Costello of Point Pleasant Beach, N. J., were married November 9, 1963 in the Second Presbyterian Church, Newark, N. J., by Harold Scott, acting minister.

Dr. Joseph Hoffman Edgar of Bethayres, Pa., son of Mrs. Joseph H. Edgar of Highland Park, N. J. and the late Mr. Edgar, and Jeri Alice Dyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Dyer of Lloyd Road, Bernardsville, N. J., were married November 2, 1963 in the Presbyterian Church, Basking Ridge, N. J., by the Rev. Gerald S. Mills.

The bride was graduated from Bernards High School and Philadelphia General Hospital Nursing School.

Her husband is a graduate of Highland Park High School, Rutgers University, and the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. He served his internship at Philadelphia General Hospital and is an Army veteran. He is currently a staff resident at Holy Redeemer Hospital in Bethayres, Pa.

Timothy Mellon, son of Paul Mellon of Upperville, Va., and the late **Mary Conover Mellon,** and Susan Crawford Tracy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Osgood V. Tracy of Rahdena Road, Morristown, N. J., were married June 8, 1963 in St. Peter's Episcopal Church by the Rev. Hughes Garvin.

The bride was graduated from Bryn Mawr College. Her husband is attending Yale University.

Linda Sue Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Rogers of New Canaan, Conn. and David Eliot Wheelock were married June 22, 1963 in the Congregational Church, New Canaan.

She is a graduate of Smith College, class of 1962, and is presently teaching at the Kent School for Girls in Kent, Conn.

She is a granddaughter of the late **Edward Hunt and Clara Probasco Conover,** originally of Hunterdon County, N. J., and great granddaughter of the late **Nathan S. Conover.**

Mr. Wheelock is a graduate of South Kent School and Williams College, and is a Master at South Kent School, where he is head of the Science Department.

— *Anniversaries* —

Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Conover of Lebanon, N. J., observed their 20th wedding anniversary May 8, 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Conover of Gladstone, N. J., observed their 25th wedding anniversary on February 25, 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lake of Line Road, Belle Mead, N. J., observed their 40th wedding anniversary on March 22, 1964. Mrs. Lake is the former Katherine Conover, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. V. L. Conover.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Conover, Sr. of 329 West Church Street, Absecon, N. J., observed their 50th wedding anniversary on February 4, 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Conover of Green Creek, N. J., observed their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30, 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Barzilla Conover of Lebanon, N. J., observed their 55th wedding anniversary October 21, 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Voorhees of Lebanon, N. J., observed their 55th wedding anniversary on November 5, 1963. Mrs. Voorhees is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Elias Conover of Fairmount, N. J.

— *Deaths* —

A. Ruth Conover, widow of the late John R. Conover, of 38 Eder Terrace, South Orange, N. J., died February 5, 1964. Interment was in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Caldwell, N. J.

Barzilla Conover, 78 years of age, of 18 Maple Avenue, Lebanon, N. J., died February 18, 1964, in Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J. He was born June 1, 1885 in Fairmount, N. J., a son of the late Elias B. and Julia Ann Jaquish Conover.

He was a retired fur, wool and hides dealer and at one time operated a general store in Lebanon. He was a trustee of the Methodist Church and a member of its Men's Club.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Stryker Conover; a daughter, Mrs. Mary C. Mills of Somerville, N. J.; a brother, Clarence Conover of Bunnvale, N. J.; five sisters, Mrs. Frank Voorhees of Lebanon, Mrs. Edward Philhower of Long Valley, Mrs. Ryman Burd of Far Hills, Mrs. Robert Blazure of Pottersville, and Mrs. Walter Lucas of Fairmount, and three grandchildren. Interment was in the Methodist Cemetery, Lebanon.

Beulah H. Conover, 80 years of age, of 22 Hillside Avenue, Succasunna, N. J., widow of John H. Conover, died September 26, 1963 in Dover General Hospital.

Born in Chester, N. J., a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Frost, she had lived in Succasunna 38 years.

She is survived by two sons, Harold E. Conover of Ledgewood, N. J., and J. Russell Conover of Flanders, N. J.; two daughters, Mrs. Shirlee M. Batchler of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mrs. Mabel Ross of Baltimore, Md., and six grandchildren. Interment was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Chester, N. J.

Clayton Conover, 78 years of age, of 30 Old Port Republic Road, Oceanville, N. J., died February 10, 1964, at the Clyde Fish Memorial Hospital in Northfield, N. J. A retired bayman, Mr. Conover was a lifelong resident of the Oceanville area.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Wilimena Rider of Absecon, N. J. Interment was in Oceanville Cemetery.

Florence Conover, 69 years of age, died December 2, 1963 at her home, 316 Shore Road, Northfield, N. J.

Born in Philadelphia, Mrs. Conover had resided in this area for 43 years. She is survived by five sisters, Mrs. Lewis L. Barrett of Ocean City, N. J.; Mrs. Helen Butz and Mrs. Ruth Butz, both of La Harbra, Calif.; Mrs. Elsie Hentz of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. Edna Shaw of Baltimore, Md. Interment was in Absecon Presbyterian Cemetery.

Florence R. Conover, 125 North Main Street, Manasquan, N. J., died April 21, 1964, in Sunnyside Farms Nursing Home, Wall Township.

Born in Manasquan, she was the daughter of the late William T. and Louise Newberry Conover. She had lived in Manasquan all her life.

Surviving is one sister, Miss Leona M. Conover of Manasquan, a teacher in the Freehold school system for many years before her retirement.

Interment was in Atlantic View Cemetery, Manasquan.

Frederick J. Conover of 317 Hickory Street, Kearny, N. J., died November 5, 1963. He is survived by his wife, Ruth A. (nee Beesley); two daughters, Mrs. June Struzienski of Kearny and Miss Ruth Conover at home; a son, Leonard Conover at home; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Goff of Harrison, N. J., and Mrs. Bertha Gilmore of Kearny; three brothers, Thomas, John and Andrew Conover, all of Harrison; also two grandchildren, and his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth McMullen Conroy of Harrison. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Harry Conover, 70 years of age, of Ohio Avenue and Mill Road, Absecon, N. J., died July 7, 1963. He was a native of Absecon and a laborer.

He is survived by two brothers, Clarence and John, both of Absecon, and a sister, Mrs. Lucinda French of Pleasantville, N. J. Interment was in Union Cemetery, Mays Landing, N. J.

Howard B. Conover, 71 years of age, of 715 Washington Avenue, Palmyra, N. J., died March 10, 1964, in Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Conover was chairman of the board and past president of the Cinnaminson Bank and Trust Company, a past president of the Burlington County Bankers' Association, past president and treasurer of the Palmyra-Riverton Rotary Club, a member of the 50-Year Club of the New Jersey Bankers' Association, and of the Tri-Boro YMCA, and a Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Edna; a son, Charles M., and a daughter, Mrs. Betty Whittle.

Joseph E. Conover of 12 Valley Road, Madison, N. J., died October 22, 1963 at Overlook Hospital, Summit, N. J.

Born in Lincroft, N. J., Mr. Conover moved here 22 years ago from Bloomfield, N. J. He was supervisor of Western Electric Co.'s New York district office.

Mr. Conover graduated from Rutgers University in 1928 with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. He joined the concern in 1932. He was a member of the Madison Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruth Williams Conover, and two daughters, Miss Elizabeth M. Conover, attending Alfred University in New York State, and Miss Virginia P. Conover, who is attending Boston University.

Laura VanDerveer Conover, 88 years of age, widow of William R. Conover, died January 23, 1964, at her home, Baird Road, Manalapan Township, N. J. Born in Freehold Township, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Aaron VanDerveer.

Mrs. Conover was a member of Old Tennent Church, Monmouth Court House Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, having served one three-year term as regent, and later as registrar. She and her husband were members of the Manalapan Grange for many years. Mrs. Conover was also a life member of the Monmouth County Historical Association and considered an authority on genealogy. She was a member of the Van-Voorhees Family Association, the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, the Founders and Patriots of New Jersey and the Huguenot Society.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. John H. Lyle, Sr. of Baird Road; three grandsons, three great-grandsons, and one great-granddaughter. Interment was in Manalapan Cemetery.

Lester Conover, 65 years of age, of Phillipsburg, N. J., died March 5, 1964, in Warren Hospital. He was an engineer for the Central Railroad of New Jersey and was employed by the railroad for 47 years. Born in Pittstown, N. J., he was a son of the late Brevoort and Sarah Shepherd Conover.

Mr. Conover was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Phillipsburg, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and Delaware Lodge, F. & A. M., Phillipsburg.

Survivors include his widow, the former Anna A. Carver; two sons, William B. of Ambridge, Pa., and Dale R. at home; two brothers, Nelson of Frenchtown, N. J., and Lloyd of South Bound Brook, N. J., and three grandchildren.

Mae T. Conover, wife of Russell L. Conover of 146 Theresa Avenue, Keyport, N. J., died April 23, 1964. Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, Russell K. Conover, and her mother, Mrs. Annie Miller Triesch. Interment was in Holmdel Cemetery, Holmdel, N. J.

Minnie M. Conover of 251 Main Street, Metuchen, N. J., died July 31, 1963, at Middlesex Nursing Home.

Daughter of the late Aaron Van Nostrand and Olivia Lewis Conover, she was born in Metuchen and lived there all her life. She was a retired employee of the Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corp., Plainfield, N. J., and held membership in Centenary Methodist Church. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

She was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, Inc.

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338th ANNIVERSARY
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SATURDAY, JUNE THE TWENTY-SECOND
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THREE
THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
ASBURY PARK, NEW JERSEY

— Program —

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Business Meeting - 11 a.m.

In the Church Auditorium

WELCOME AND REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, Short Hills, N. J., President
of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Secretary	Miss Janice D. Conover
Treasurer	Miss Mida C. Blake
Historian	Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven
Genealogist	Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Cemetery Committee	Mrs. Clarence Dawley
Agent-for-Supplies	Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
Editor of the Bulletin	Herbert T. Conover
1964 Reunion	Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Nominating Committee	Thomas S. Roberts

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

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DINNER—12:30 p.m. in Guerin Hall

Afternoon Session - 2:00 p.m.

In the Church Auditorium

INVOCATION AND WELCOME Rev. Charles A. Sayre, Ph. D.
Pastor of the First Methodist Church, Asbury Park, N. J.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS
Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Absecon, N. J.
Chairman of Membership and Genealogical Committee

VOCAL SOLOS—Peter Broeren, *Soloist*, Donald V.N. Conover, *Accompanist*

1. "I Believe" - - - - *Drake*
2. "Sound of Music" - *Rogers-Hammerstein*

ADDRESS—"Glimpses of West Germany" Rev. Charles A. Sayre, Ph. D.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS (See back page)
Conducted by Mrs. Clarence Dawley, Plainfield, N. J.
Assisted by Mrs. Mary Conover Walker, Holmdel, N. J.

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In Guerin Hall

ILLUSTRATED TALK—"Africa, 1962" - Miss Mida C. Blake
Treasurer of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association

HYMN—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

— Memorial Service —

(People standing)

LEADER: Each year from our group some souls pass on to their heavenly home. We read in John 14, 27th verse —

> "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you;
> Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
> Let not your heart be troubled,
> Neither let it be afraid."

LEADER reads the names of deceased members and flower is placed in vase for each one.

GERTRUDE B. PHILIPS, Mount Kisco, N. Y., died May 3, 1961
ERNEST VICTOR COLLINS, II, Bantam, Conn., died April 7, 1962, in India
EDISON BOWEN, Philadelphia, Pa., died June 14, 1962
MAE CONOVER TILTON, Berkeley Heights, N. J., died August 2, 1962
CARRIE SHIELDS LAW, Brooklyn, N. Y., died September 20, 1962
GEORGE OTIS BORDWELL, Sonoma, Calif., died October 20, 1962.
ANDREW J. CONOVER, Freehold, N. J., died October 28, 1962

LEADER: May we bow our heads in prayer.

O God, Thou who are infinite, and whose wisdom is far beyond our ability to understand, we thank Thee for Thy guidance and comfort of the spirit of those who so faithfully lived among us and have returned to Thee. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

VOCAL SOLO—"The Lord's Prayer" - . *Albert Hay Malotte*
Mrs. Donald V.N. Conover, Soloist — Donald V. N. Conover, Accompanist

Owen C. Conover, 51 years of age, died November 26, 1963, at his residence, Flushing, Michigan. He was born in Lambertville, N. J., was the husband of Mary Jurgensen.

He was a maintenance superintendent for General Motors Corporation and a member of the Flushing Methodist Church and the Amwell Lodge 12, F. & A. M.

Surviving, in addition to Mrs. Conover, are two sons, Robert and John of California; one daughter, Margaret; three brothers, Wilbur of Solebury, Pa., Harvey of Ringoes, and Lester of Moorestown, N. J.; six sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Holcombe of Trenton, N. J.; Mrs. Amy Raymond of Lambertville, N. J.; Mrs. Effie Maple of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Mrs. Mildred Johnson of Dolington, Pa.; Mrs. Laura Sherman of Lambertville, and Mrs. Grace Croot of Oxford, N. J. Interment was in Riverview Cemetery.

Reba M. Conover, 66 years of age, wife of George C. Conover of Ringoes, N. J., died June 23, 1963, at the Pinehaven Nursing Home, near Toms River, N. J. A lifelong resident of Hunterdon County, she was born in Ringoes in 1897 and had lived all of her life in that area. She was a member of the Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Ringoes.

Surviving besides her husband are two sons, Harold of Stockton, and George of Lambertville; four daughters, Mrs. Mildred Miller of Flemington, Mrs. Martha Hildebrant of Ringoes, Mrs. Ruth Burget of Baptistown, and Mrs. Marion Fillebrown of Stewartsville; 25 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Interment was in Sandy Ridge Cemetery.

Robert James Conover, one of Morgan and Knox county's leading businessmen and civic citizens, passed away at St. Mary's Hospital, Galesburg, Ill., on June 18, 1963.

He was born in Jacksonville, Ill. on September 15, 1909, the son of Edythe Bond and the late James Nelson Conover. After graduating from the Jacksonville High School, he attended the Culver Military Academy, graduating with high honors; his senior year being appointed Regimental Commander of the Naval School. A graduate of the University of Illinois with the class of '32, a campus leader, a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He was a member of the varsity football team under the leadership of the famous R. C. Zuppke.

Under the supervision of his father, he entered the baking business, taking over the management of the Galesburg plant. Since the death of Mr. Conover in 1951 he was made president and general manager of both plants. Under his supervision in 1961 both plants were singled out by the Bakers Review, the National Monthly of the Baking Industry as the outstanding wholesale bakeries under the same management, in the highly competitive area between St. Louis and Chicago. Route trucks, operating out of Jacksonville, Galesburg, Canton, Kewanee and Springfield, deliver products over an area stretching from Moline and Princeton almost to St. Louis. "Lucky Boy Good Bread" is known throughout the territory by the Ideals of these two companies — their slogan throughout the years, "Quality and Cleanliness our most important salesmen." Bob Conover took a special and active part in the National and State Bakers Organizations, serving two years as President of the Illinois Bakers Association.

Few men had more varied interests and contributed more to the life of the two communities in which he took an active part. He was a member of the Immanuel Methodist Church of Galesburg, Ill., having transferred his membership from Grace Methodist Church of Jacksonville, Ill.

Mr. Conover married Mary Agnes Graves of Galesburg, in 1945 and they have six children, Mary Edythe, James Nelson II, Robert James, Thomas Graves, Margaret Ann and Catherine Patricia.

He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. James Nelson Conover of Jacksonville, Ill., and one sister, Mrs. C. F. Brewster (Dorothy); a nephew, Robert Conover Brewster, and two nieces, Carolyn Margaret and Elizabeth Brewster, all of Kansas City, Mo.

In Galesburg he was a member of Masonic Alpha Lodge 155, the Galesburg Club, Soangetaha Club and Elks Club.

In Jacksonville he was a member of the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, MacMurray Associates, Elks Club, Country Club, U.C.T. and T.P.A.

Interment was in Memorial Lawn Cemetery.

Janet T. Adamko, 50 years of age, wife of William Adamko of Freehold, N. J., died May 24, 1963, at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, N. J.

She was born in Manalapan Township, the daughter of Mrs. Mary Boyce of Freehold, N. J. and the late **William Conover.**

In addition to her mother, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Joan Ann Cobb of Sayreville; four brothers, George Conover of Tennent, James Conover of Freehold, William and Frederick Conover of Manalapan Township, and two sisters, Mrs. John Conway and Mrs. Margaret Rooney, both of Freehold. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Freehold.

Conover English, 86 years of age, for 60 years a member of the New Jersey Bar. died June 17, 1963 in St. Michael's Hospital.

He had been critically injured when struck by a taxicab as he crossed Park Place near the Public Service Terminal in Newark, N. J.

The driver of the 20th Century taxicab, James Guerriero of 316 Parker Street, told police Mr. English had stepped from behind an armored service truck which had been double-parked outside an airline ticket office.

Mr. English retired two years ago as senior partner of the Newark law firm of McCarter and English, the firm he and the late Robert H. McCarter founded in Newark in 1908.

Mr. English, who still traveled to his office at 11 Commerce Street one or two days a week, was a direct descendant of the family that founded Englishtown in the late 1600's. He was born in Elizabeth and lived there until 1930 when he built a home at 90 Whittredge Road, Summit, N. J.

He was graduated from Pingry School in 1895 and from Princeton in 1899. He was graduated from the New York Law School in 1902 and admitted to the bar the same year.

His father, Nicholas Conover Joab English, once served as prosecutor of Union County. His two sons, Woodruff J. and Nicholas, both of Summit, are members of McCarter & English.

Mr. English was a past president and chairman of the board of trustees of the Pingry School. He also was a member of the Essex County, State and American Bar Associations and a member of the American Judicature Society. He also was active in the New Jersey Historical Society and the State YMCA, of which he was a trustee.

His wife, the late Mrs. Sara Jones English, died last December. Surviving besides his two sons, are 11 grandchildren.

Nellie C. Reed, 80 years of age, widow of A. Elmer Reed, died January 4, 1964, at her home, Main Street, Tennent, N. J. Born in Manalapan Township, she was the daughter of the late Sims and Catharine Conover Duncan.

Mrs. Reed was a member of the Old Tennent Presbyterian Church, the church's Women's Guild, Order of the Eastern Star, and Monmouth Grange No. 92, Freehold.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. John Satterthwaite of Manalapan Township; two sisters, Mrs. Lewis Schenck of Freehold Township and Mrs. Frank Perrine of Manalapan Township, and two grandchildren. Interment was in Old Tennent Cemetery.

Alice M. Smith, 62 years of age, of 835 New York Road, North Absecon, N. J., died June 9, 1963 at the Ellen Nursing Home in Northfield, N. J.

A lifelong resident of Absecon, Mrs. Smith is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Eugene Brewster of Somers Point; a son, **Tech. Sgt. Murrell Conover,** U. S. Air Force of Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina; a brother, **John W. Conover, Jr.** of Absecon; a sister, Mrs. Beatrice Conover, and five grandchildren. Interment was in Absecon Methodist Cemetery.

Hubert Somers, 92 years of age, Atlantic City businessman, civic leader and world traveler, died at a nursing home March 2, 1964.

He was born in Linwood, N. J., in a section then known as Bargaintown, the son of Capt. Samuel and Rachel Githens Somers. He was educated in schools in Linwood, Pleasantville and Atlantic City and the Pierce Business School in Philadelphia. He joined the lumber firm founded by his father in partnership with Mahlon Frambes and was president of that firm when it was dissolved with construction on the property of Jonathan Pitney Village. His father had also operated a brickyard in Northfield, where Birch Grove Park is now located.

He was a member of the St. James Episcopal Parish in Atlantic City and had been associated with the Church of the Redeemer in Longport during summer months. He was a member of Trinity Lodge, F. & A. M.; Atlantic City Shrine Club, Excelsior Consistory of the Scottish Rite Masons, Atlantic City Rotary Club, Micawber Club of the Union League of Philadelphia, Atlantic County Historical Society, Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, Antique Collectors Association and the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

He had served with the resort Auxiliary Police during World War II, the Atlantic City Mosquito Extermination Commission, Board of Trustees of the Atlantic City Free Public Library, the Atlantic City Visiting Nurse and Tuberculosis Association, the U. S. Office of Price Administration, the Y.M.C.A., and at one time was a director of the Guarantee Bank and Trust Company and of the Central Pier Company.

He is survived by a son, David J. Somers of Atlantic City, and a daughter, Miss Florence Somers of New York City.

Florence C. Stillwell of 5 Stillwell Place, Freehold, N. J., widow of Staats C. Stillwell, died April 3, 1964, at Fitkin Hospital, Neptune, N. J. Mrs. Stillwell was born in Manalapan Township, the daughter of the late Garret and Sarah Conover.

She was a member of the Freehold Reformed Church, Monmouth Courthouse Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Cecilian Club of Freehold.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Everett Terhune and Mrs. James English, both of Clearwater, Florida, and several nieces and nephews. Interment was in Old Tennent Cemetery.

{ If there was an event in your family and you did not find it here, you did not report it to the editor. }

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?—*Information Please*—?

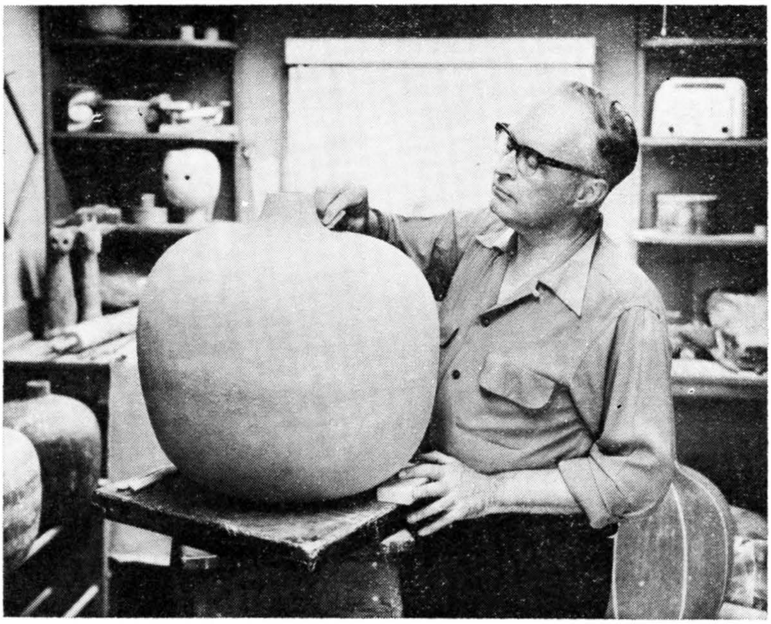
1—Who were the parents of Acting Lt. **Francis S. Conover,** who commanded the *Isaac Smith* January 30, 1863 in the action on Stono River, S.C., as mentioned on pages 358-9 in Virgil C. Jones' "*The Civil War at Sea*" Vol. II. A reply from any descendants would be appreciated.

2—Searching for a family of **Conovers** who were the grandchildren of Elizabeth De Lisser of New York City who died in the 1890s. She owned property in Ocean County, New Jersey, which is about to be foreclosed for non-payment of taxes. It might be to their advantage to reply to this.

Send replies to
The Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Ass'n, Box 311, Morristown, N. J.

Claude Conover—*Potter*

Since 1959, the work of potter **Claude Conover** of Cleveland, Ohio, has been attracting attention increasingly in shows and shops around the country, particularly in the Midwest. His work is primarily of large architectural pots, high-fired, and glazed only on the inside.

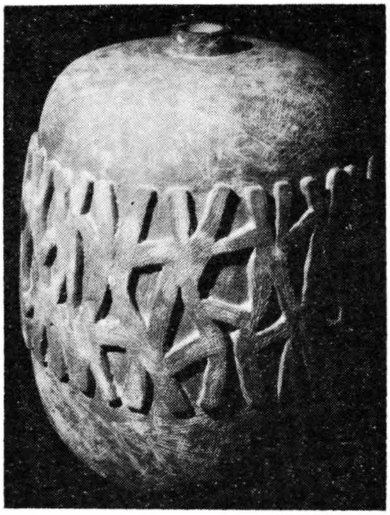


Claude Conover was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1907 and grew up in New Castle, Pa. After high school he went to the Cleveland Institute of Art, graduating in 1929 with majors in painting and sculpture. He took no craft courses.

For the next 30 years, Conover was a commercial artist, pursuing his sculpture as an avocation, modeling portraits and carving stone, exhibiting these occasionally. It was in 1959 that he hand-built his first jug in clay, entering it in the Cleveland May Show. This first piece of his pottery not only won an award but also was purchased by the Cleveland Museum of Art for its permanent collection. And Claude Conover was on his way as a potter.

In the short time since 1959, Claude Conover has had 11 pieces purchased for permanent collections, has had his work in traveling shows such as the Ceramic National, Fiber-Clay-Metal, and Craftsmen of the Central States, has been awarded the coveted Horace E. Potter Memorial Medal of excellence in craftsmanship by the Cleveland Museum of Art, and has won awards in many craft exhibitions. One of his most recent awards was in the 1963 May Show of the Cleveland Museum of Art. His work is in the permanent collections of the Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts, the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Butler Institute of American Art, the Cleveland Arts Association, and the St. Paul Art Center.

As can be seen by the photographs, Claude Conover's pottery is primarily large pots. They are hand-built, not thrown on the wheel. Decorations and colors are achieved by using simple tools and clay of various colors; only the inside is glazed. The pots are fired to about 2300 degrees. — *(The Cross-Country Craftsman, Rockport, Maine, September, 1963)*



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Going to Peru

Richard D. Conover, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Conover of Brunswick Avenue, Lebanon, N. J., has taken a position as Linestock Consultant for North Carolina Agricultural Mission to Peru, where he will be stationed for two years. He received his B.S. degree at Rutgers University and studied for his Masters degree at the University of Maryland at College Park, Md.

His wife, the former Miss Patricia Smith of North Wales, Pa., and two sons will accompany him to Arequita, Peru.—*(Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington, N. J., May 2, 1963)*

Atlantic City Gets New Fire Chief

After 40 years of fire fighting service, Chief Zenus Mathis is scheduled to retire as head of the Fire Department on June 21 when he reaches the mandatory retirement age of 70 years.

He will be succeeded by **Warren S. Conover**, a deputy chief with 38 years of service with the department.

Director of Public Safety Meredith B. Kerstetter confirmed Tuesday that Conover will get the post.

Chief Conover was born in Atlantic City, February 23, 1902, the son of John and Annie Conover, both deceased. After attending public schools and Atlantic City High School, he worked for several years at night foreman for the Atlantic City Transportation Co.

He became a fireman March 1, 1925, a captain November 17, 1947, and a battalion chief January 22, 1954. On December 1, 1956, he became a deputy chief.

He and his wife, Helen, live at 318 Beach Street. They have three sons, Robert H., John M. and Aldus A., the latter a fireman in Washington, D. C.

Chief Conover has been president of the Inlet Social and Athletic Club for many years. He is a Mason, a Shriner and a member of several civic and athletic organizations. He served as a sergeant in the New Jersey National Guard for 15 years.—*(Atlantic City Press, May 29, 1963)*

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Named Delegate

Miss Bonnie Ann Conover of Absecon, N. J., has been chosen as delegate to the Citizenship Institute of Douglass College, June 17-21. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Conover, 316 Ohio Avenue, she is sponsored by the Cresset Club of the Mainland, a member group of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs. Miss Conover is an honor student at Pleasantville High School.—*(Atlantic City Press, May 29, 1963)*

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Hike Fifty Miles

Three Freehold Regional High School students, Mike Fitch, 29 Enright Avenue; Jack Bulk, 27 Brinkerhoff Avenue, and **Daryl Conover,** 77 Boulevard Avenue, took the "President Kennedy fitness test" by hiking the prescribed 50 miles this past week-end.

The youngsters left Freehold, Saturday at 5:10 a.m. and returned Sunday at 1:10 a.m. They walked with various short stops through Sayre Woods, Edison, Woodbridge, Rahway, Linden to Grantsville where they took the ferry to New York City. They walked from 10th Avenue to 24th Avenue to the Bus Terminal, and traveled back to Freehold. — *(Freehold Transcript, June 20, 1963)*

Awarded a Scholarship

Scholarships of $400 were presented by the Rotary Club last Thursday to two Somerset County graduates who plan to enter nursing careers.

The awards went to **Miss Gail Conover,** niece of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kurkowski of 29 West Spring Street, Somerville, N. J., and Miss Janice Napoleon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Napoleon of Mount Horeb Road, Martinsville, N. J.

Miss Conover, a graduate of Somerville High School, was a member of the French Club, Theatre Arts Group, Service League, Girls' Athletic Association and Allied Youth Association.

She will enter St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing at Trenton in September. — *(Somerset Messenger-Gazette, June 20, 1963)*

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Ends Pentagon Tour

Lt. (j.g.) John W. Conover, Naval Reserve, has completed a two-year tour of duty at the Pentagon in Washington, D. C. He was discharged from the service on Friday and has taken a position as a system engineer with International Business Machines in Washington.

Conover is the son of Borough Assessor and Mrs. John M. Conover of 95 Vander Veer Avenue. He is a graduate of Somerville High School and Brown University. — *(Somerset Messenger-Gazette, July 5, 1963)*

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Graduate Gets Scholarship Award

Neil DeCicco, son of Mrs. Neil DeCicco of 178 East Wyoming Avenue, Absecon, was awarded a $200 scholarship by the Absecon Lions Club. — *(Mainland Journal, Pleasantville, N.J., June 13, 1963)*

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Heads Business Unit

Robert Conover, owner of Conover's Pharmacy, Cape May Court House, N. J., has been appointed district chairman in Cape May County for the National Federation of Independent Business, it was announced by Paul Bauer, manager of the Philadelphia division.

The N.F.I.B. is a non-profit group of business and professional men who have set out to show Congress and the administrative branch of government that the problems facing small business and professional men go deeper than just tax relief.

Conover's function is two-fold. He will count and tabulate the opinions of local business and professional men so that Congressmen are assured that the Federation cannot control or rig the resulting totals. He will also send signed opinions and totals directly to State Senator Charles Sandman, Jr., and Congressman Milton Glenn. — *(Cape May County Gazette, July 11, 1963)*

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Member of Crash Crew

Clayton E. Thomas, a former resident of Northfield, N. J., is presently attached to a crash crew at the Naval Air Test Center in Patuxent River, Md. He celebrated his 18th birthday August 8, one year after his enlistment in the Navy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Thomas, Sr. of 424 West Revere Avenue, Northfield, N. J. — *(Mainland Journal, Pleasantville, N. J., August 16, 1963)*

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Gets Lion Award

Paul Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Conover of Edinburg, has been presented the Lions Club Citizenship award, initiated this year. The $150 award is to be given to a member of the high school senior class who resides in West Windsor Township. Selection was based on citizenship and outstanding school leadership, exemplifying the American way of life. — *(Princeton, N. J., Packet, August 22, 1963)*

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Addresses the Little Leaguers

A meeting of old friends took place at the ninth annual East Hunterdon Little League awards banquet when **Harold "Ducky" Conover** addressed the group at the Redwood Inn, Somerville, N. J., the past Sunday. Conover, formerly district manager and a former resident of High Bridge, traveled all the way from his new residence in the State of Delaware to be with the group where he has been a favorite guest for almost a decade.

He addressed himself specifically to the Little Leaguers whom he cautioned to "get out of the pressure put on them by the Williamsport all star competition," which he stated "was too keen for the average teams."

Conover asked the players to attend all games whether or not their team was winning. He cited the example of a team that lost nine games in a row, and ended with a 15-1 loss. Yet, each of the players attended every game, and tried very hard to win, which was a fine example of sportsmanship. — *(Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington, N. J., October 17, 1963)*

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State Birthday Brings Founding Family Back

The Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, descendants of one of New Jersey's oldest families, was invited to participate in the State's 300th anniversary celebration by the Atlantic County Tercentenary Committee. Arthur B. Kouwenhoven of Short Hills, President of the Association, accepted the invitation by saying a three-day Tercentenary meeting will be held at the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, in June, 1964. Lt. Pieter Wolphertsen Van Kouwenhoven was one of Elizabeth-town's original settlers and his son, Peter Couwenhoven, was one of the first five owners of Absecon Beach (now Atlantic City).— *(The New Jersey Heritage, Summer 1963)*

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Gets a $50 Bond

Sgt. Lester A. Conover of Co. A, 2d Battle Gp., 6th Infantry, will receive a $50 bond from the Berlin Chapter. The award was announced at a chapter meeting June 20 in recognition of the selection of Sgt. Conover as a Distinguished Graduate of the Seventh U. S. Army NCO Academy.—*(Association of the United States Army News, September, 1963)*

Finish First in Auto Race

Jack and Mary Conover, driving an Alfa Romeo Giulia, finished first overall in the Taconic Auto Sports Club's Autumn Tour II, a 60-car, 400-mile rally that wound up Sunday.

In second place behind the Conovers, who had only 15 penalty points, were Bill Morini and Len Johnson in a Triumph TR4 with 167 penalty points. Both teams registered out of New York.—*(New York Herald Tribune, October 30, 1963)*

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Reassigned in the Air Force

Airman Norman H. Thomas, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman T. Thomas, Sr. of 301 West Revere Ave., Northfield, N. J., is being reassigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., for technical training as a United States Air Force autopilot repairman.

Airman Thomas, who enlisted in the Air Force a short time ago, has completed his initial basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas.—*(Mainland Journal, Pleasantville, N. J., Jan. 9, 1964)*

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Selected as DAR Good Citizen Candidate

Bonnie Ann Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd N. Conover of 316 Ohio Avenue, Absecon, N. J., was selected by the Pleasantville, N. J. High School as candidate for the title of DAR Good Citizen under the sponsorship of the General Lafayette Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Candidates are selected for their dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

Good Citizen Candidates sponsored by various chapters throughout the state, will be entertained by the State Society of the DAR at a Special Awards Day to be held in Trenton on April 2. A fine day is being planned for Good Citizens and the History Medal Winners. The "State Good Citizen" winner will receive the National Society Award Gift of a $100 Bond, Series E, or a scholarship by the National Society. In addition to the Bond, the State Society offers a $25 U. S. Savings Bond to the two alternates. The New Jersey Good Citizen will then compete in the National Contest, the winner of which gets a $1,000 scholarship to the college of her choice.

Bonnie Ann of the Pleasantville High School is a member of the school choir, secretary of the Girls' Athletic Association, National Honor Society (vice president), and among the top students of the class. She is a member of the Senior Class Council, secretary of the Bowling Club, Sports Editor of the Yearbook, captain of Cheerleaders and messenger for the school office.

A former Girl Scout, Bonnie has also contributed to her community by participating six years in 4-H work, serving as a delegate to Girls' Citizenship Institute at Douglass College in June, UNICEF, and doing charitable work in a sorority. — *(Atlantic City Press, Feb. 2, 1964)*

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Makes Bequests to Cancer Society

Mrs. Hazel Leichter, president of the Monmouth County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, recently announced that a bequest of $25,000 was made to the Society from the estate of **Andrew Conover,** late of Freehold. A similar bequest of $25,000 was received from Mr. Conover's estate last July.

Under the terms of his will, proceeds of both bequests were to be used for cancer research, and the checks were sent to the National Society for that purpose. The late Mr. Conover, an attorney, was vitally interested in the work of the Cancer Society, Mrs. Leichter said, and contributions to the Society during his lifetime included a $1,000 bond.—*(Freehold, N. J., Transcript, Feb. 11, 1964)*

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He's Top Recruiter

Major Carlyle V. Conover of Pleasantville, was presented with a $100 Savings Bond by Lt. Col. Howard F. W. Taylor, also of the Mainland community, base commander of the Air National Guard unit, following an announcement by Col. Joseph D. Zink, commander, 177th Tactical Fighter Group, New Jersey Air National

Guard, NAFEC, that Major Conover was the winner of the ANG recruiting drive that ended in January. The presentation took place last week-end at NAFEC, where more than 500 air guardsmen performed their week-end training.—*(Mainland Journal, Pleasantville, N. J., Feb. 20, 1964)*

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Aboard the USS Enterprise

Clayton B. Thomas, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Clayton O. Thomas of 424 Revere Ave., Northfield, N. J., is serving aboard the nuclear-powered attack aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, operating out of Norfolk, Va.

The Enterprise departed Feb. 8 for her third tour of duty with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean area. Since her commissioning in November, 1961, the Enterprise has logged more than 140,000 miles in Atlantic, Caribbean and Mediterranean waters. During this period she has not been refueled.

The ship will visit several ports on the shores of the Mediterranean during her tour of duty with the Sixth Fleet.—*(Mainland Journal, Pleasantville, N. J., March 5, 1964)*

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Gets a State Scholarship

Among 3,290 High School students to get a State Scholarship is **Craig R. Conover** of Metuchen, N. J. The majority of awards amount to $400 a year. Students attending college, where the tuition is less than $400 receive the amount of tuition charged.

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Among the Top Ten Seniors

Bonnie Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Conover of 316 Ohio Avenue, was among the top 10 seniors at Pleasantville, N. J. High School announced this week by David R. Schlesinger, principal.—*(Mainland Journal, April 23, 1964)*

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Is Delegate to Institute

Lynda Conover, a junior at Oakcrest High School, has been chosen to be this year's delegate to Douglass College at New Brunswick, N. J., where she will spend a week on the campus as a guest of the Women's Civic Club of Egg Harbor. The Civic Club is a member of the Federated Women's Club, and as such is entitled to send a delegate to the convention of young women, which is being held June 15-19.

Miss Conover is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Conover of Moss Mill Road, Pomona, N. J. Her hobbies include Drama Club, National Thespian Society, Modern Dance Club, Varsity Cheerleading, and basketball. Miss Conover is also an honor student. Dancing is both Lynda's chief hobby and future hope. She hopes to continue to study in the dancing field or to enter specialized education.—*(Mainland Journal, Pleasantville, N. J., April 30, 1964)*

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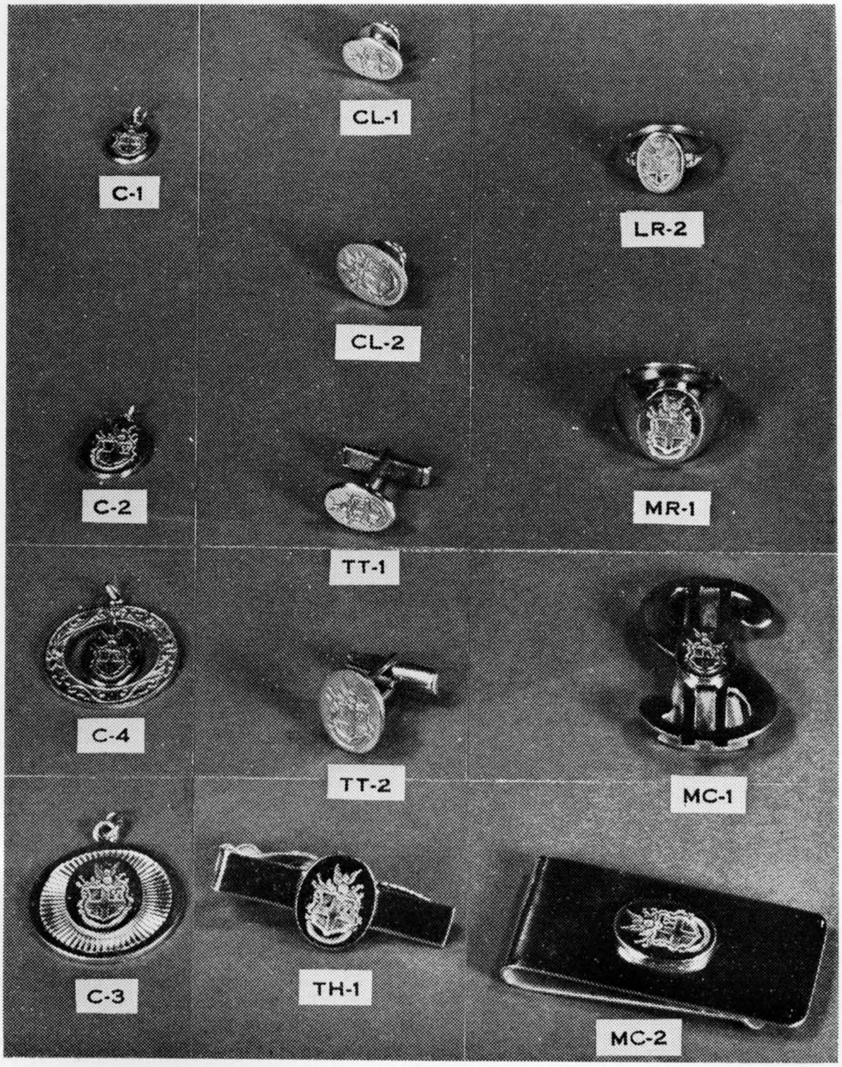
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JUNE 26-28, 1964

In planning the Reunion, the Trustees had taken into account that 1964 is New Jersey's Tercentenary year. Since our family had played an important role in the State's early history, it was appropriate that our plans for the Reunion include observance of the Tercentenary. Peter Cownover, son of Lt. Pieter Wolphertsen Couwenhoven (youngest son of Wolphert), was the first of the name to settle in southeastern New Jersey. His deed for land in Great Egg Harbor is dated November, 1695. Other members of the family had, of course, settled in other parts of the State at about the same time. Peter Cownover's sons, Peter and John, were among the first owners of Absecon Beach, now Atlantic City.

Friday Evening, June 26. Registration was opened on the Tower Floor, followed by a gathering in the Viking Room to which all guests of the hotel were invited. The President gave a brief account of the family history and our Association, after which he introduced Mr. Joseph Truncer, Assistant Chief, Bureau of Parks and Recreation, Department of Conservation and Economic Development, New Jersey, who gave a vivid account of the origin, history and restoration of Batsto. Mr. Jack E. Boucher, senior photographer of the National Park Service and author of Absegami Yesterdays, delivered a fascinating lecture on historical landmarks in New Jersey. His talk was illustrated with slides made from photographs that had won a National Award for Mr. Boucher.

Saturday, June 27. Registration was resumed in the morning, and the formal meeting was called to order by the President at 10:30 A.M. The Rev. Norman Lester Lawrence, a member of the Association, delivered the Invocation which was followed by welcoming addresses by David S. Davies, Executive Director, New Jersey Tercentenary Commission and Mr. John S. Adams, Chairman of the Atlantic County Tercentenary Committee. The President responded, expressing for the Association members, their pleasure in being able to participate in the observance of the Tercentenary.

The President reviewed the activities of the past year and particularly complimented Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom and her Reunion Committee for the excellent arrangements they had made.

Mrs. Rundstrom, our genealogist, read the names of new members accepted since the last Reunion and introduced those who were present. Other Officers and Committee Chairmen reported on their respective activities.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, gave her report as follows:

Balance on hand April 4, 1964			$ 936.43
Received:	Dues	$278.00	
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	Donations	6.00	291.75
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Paid Out:	Dogwood trees for cemetery	$ 34.00	
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The Historian, Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, reported that she had received a photograph of members and their families taken at the New York World's Fair in 1939. She recommended that the Association name be inscribed on the official scrapbooks, which were on exhibit in the ante-room.

Mrs. Clarence Dawley, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, reported that work had progressed on the Covenhoven-Schenck cemetery in Holmdel, N. J. In March, twelve dogwood trees were planted and the Committee is planning to clear the section where the slaves are buried.

Nominating Committee Report. Mr. Stephen A. Conover of Trenton then occupied the chair and called for the report of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Thomas S. Roberts, Chairman, proposed the following as officers for a term of two years and Trustees for a term of three years:

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There being no other nominations, nominations were closed and, on motion, the Secretary cast one ballot bearing the names of the nominees who were declared duly elected.

Haywood W. Conover and family of Punta Gorda, Florida, had traveled the farthest and received the Coat-of-Arms Award. Mrs. Robert D. Harvey of Western Springs, Illinois, was runner-up. Past President Leon Conover again won the award as the oldest member present, and Miss Karen Abrahamson, 20 months, was the youngest.

The President read a letter from Mrs. W. G. Turner of Burlington, Iowa, who was unable to attend due to an accident suffered by Mr. Turner. Many members recalled Mrs. Turner's charming granddaughter, Debra Peterson of Mediapolis, Iowa, who joined the President on the platform during the afternoon session of our 1962 Reunion at Grandin, N. J. Greetings were read from Mrs. Ella Fleck of Stratford, Conn., who will be 90 years old next March, telling of her many activities. Recently the State of Connecticut honored Mrs. Fleck by naming one of the buildings at the Southbury Training School "The Ella Fleck Hall." In April the Girl Scouts had named their hospital in the Norfolk, Connecticut Camp the "Ella Fleck Building" in recognition of her having organized them 43 years ago.

Haywood Conover suggested that one of our Reunions be held in Florida and William R. Conover invited the Association to hold another Reunion in Asbury Park, N. J.

Once again Mrs. Clarence Dawley conducted the impressive Memorial Service for deceased members. She was assisted by Miss Leola Cheney and by Mrs. Donald V. N. Conover, who sang the Lord's Prayer, accompanied by her husband.

The meeting was adjourned at noon and the members and guests enjoyed a sumptuous buffet luncheon in the Rutland Room.

Visit to Batsto. After the luncheon the group traveled by bus to Batsto where they toured the various places of interest, including the iron master's mansion, general store, grist mill, and carriage house. Batsto is being restored under the auspices of the State of New Jersey, and dates back to 1758. It is of historic interest because cannon balls and cannon for the Revolutionary Army and for the War of 1812 were cast there from local bog iron.

Saturday Evening, June 27. A reception was held on the Sun Porch of the Haddon Hall followed by a "Dutch Treat" dinner in the Wedgewood Room. After dinner, Dr. Kenn Stryker-Rodda gave a very interesting talk on the importance of the Dutch in early New Jersey history. Dr. Stryker-Rodda also commented at some length about the Conovers and about Wolfert Gerretse and his wife, Neeltje. Dr. Stryker-Rodda is Dean of Colby Academy, Brooklyn; President of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey, a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, a Vice President of the Long Island Historical Society, author of historical, genealogical, literary and bibliographical works, and an editor. A part of Dr. Stryker-Rodda's talk follows:

Wolphert Gerritse from Couwenhoven

Historians have almost universally stated that the Dutch were interested only in trade when they came to this country. And George Canning, as late as 1826, unfairly stigmatized them with his too-easily recalled couplet,

"In matters of commerce the fault of the Dutch
Is offering too little and asking too much."

This was true of the West India Company, and probably of many of its employees. But, from the beginning, many of the Dutch came to these shores as farmers...

Among the early Dutch farmers was your first American ancestor: Wolfert, the son of Gerrit, from Couwenhoven (Cowen's gardens? cold farms?), four miles northwest of the town of Amersfoort in the Netherlands. Like all of the other Dutch except a few city-bred or university-spoiled ones, Wolfert was usually known by his patronymic: Wolfert Gerretse, but sometimes with "Van Couwenhoven" or "Van Amersfoort" added, just as we speak of Senator Smith *of Maine* — to tell which one is meant, with no thought of its becoming a family name. As a matter of fact, there was, if G. Beernik reported correctly, a family name, and Wolfert's parents were Gerrit Wolferts Suype (or Züben) and Styne Roberts. In general, patronymics were frozen into family or "last" names in this country primarily because the British, whose ancestors had outgrown patronymics by the end of the eleventh century, couldn't keep track of, say, Wolfert Gerrets, his son Jacob Wolferts, and *his* son Hannes Jacobse. When, in 1687, the British required an oath of allegiance to be taken by all non-British inhabitants, your ancestors chose to use their place-origin name as the family name.

Back to Wolfert. His life seems to divide naturally into four — or possibly five — periods. Concerning the years from about 1580 to 1625 we know little, except that, on 17 January 1605, banns having been proclaimed nine days earlier (and presumably on two other occasions also), Neeltje, whose father's given name was Jan, and he were married at Amersfoort, and that during the ensuing decade at least three sons were born to them. (You may have heard of seven. Seven was the magic number, and many families were supposed to have seven sons, the seventh son of the youngest of whom was, of course, a natural healer. Three sons of Wolfert and Neeltje can be substantiated; if there were more, I know of no records concerning them.)

During the second period, 1625-1629, Wolfert was in the employ of the West India Company. The instructions to Director Wilhelm Verhulst and the Council of New Netherland, dated 22 April 1625, mention specifically by name the five "head-farmers," one of them being "Wolffaert Gerritz." He farmed Bouwerie #3 on Manhattan Island.

The invitation issued in connection with this family association meeting seems to imply that the family did not come until 1630. May I call attention to the fact that Nelly was here, and therefore, presumably, the entire family. Isaack de Rasiere, an agent of the West India Company, in a letter to the Amsterdam Chamber of that Company, dated 23 September 1626, complained in part: "... We live here very plainly; if there is anything to be had it is the colonists (i.e., the paid farmers) who get it. It happened one day that the wife of Wolfert Gerritsz came to me with two otters, for which I offered her three guilders ten stivers. She refused this and asked five guilders, whereupon I let her go, this being too much. The wife of Jacob Lourissz, the smith, knowing this, went to her and offered her five guilders, which Wolfert's wife again told me. Thereupon, to prevent the otters from being purloined (i.e., getting out of Company control), I was obliged to give her the five guilders ..." *(Documents Relative to New Netherland 1624-1626*, pp. 216-219; printed from the original manuscript in the Henry Huntington Library.) We should realize that the Company had a monopoly on furs, and your ancestress, Nelly Jans, was shrewd enough to make the Company factor pay her more than the going price.

The family doubtless returned to Patria (as the Dutch were fond of calling their native land) in 1629 because Wolfert's contract had been fulfilled. That contract is apparently not extant, but four years was the standard duration of such agreements.

The family certainly did not have time to settle down in the Netherlands; for on 8 January 1630, Wolfert leased Bouwerie #6 on Manhattan Island for the usual six-year period. When he took possession there were six mares, ten cows, and one bull on it. On 16 January, Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, patroon of Rensselaerwyck, which practically surrounded the site of present-day Albany, wrote instructions to Wulfert Gerritssen from Amersfoort, recorded as then being in Amsterdam, from which I quote:

> "Wulfert Gerritssen aforesaid is engaged by Rensselaer, his service to begin on his arrival in that country. He is obligated for four summers, but Rensselaer may end the contract after one or two summers.
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> "The annual term of service of Wulfert is agreed upon to be from April to November, when all the winter seed is in the ground; and if it is very necessary he must stay through the winter and he shall receive twenty guilders according to the current months, being at his own expense as to board." (Here he mentions others he has employed.) "As soon as they with

> God's help arrive in New Netherland, Wulfert Gerritssen and the aforesaid persons shall go before the commander and council and make promise there that not one of them will trade in any peltries or skins, on forfeiture of their wages." (He details several missions W. G. is to perform for him.) "Further, Wulfert Gerritssen shall try to obtain as many sheep as he can at reasonable price to send those up also; also as many hogs as he can conveniently feed, herd, or fatten, to sell in that country or otherwise to cure or pickle for the purpose ... What further may be necessary for the accomplishment (of purchasing lands and getting farms allotted) he shall do according to circumstance, and write me all the particulars thereof ..."

We see from this that Wolfert was hired not as a farmer, but as a factor, or agent.

The family came back on *de Eendracht (Concord,* or *Union;* literally, "drawn into one"), which cleared Texel 21 March 1630 and arrived here on the 24th of May. In addition to caring for his own farm and keeping an eye on things up the river for Van Rensselaer, Wolfert was also technically in charge of Bouwerie #7, which Van Rensselaer had leased to obtain the animals on it, and apparently had no intention of having farmed. Animals were very scarce in the Dutch colony.

On 9 January 1632, Wolfert requested that he be released from his contract. Apparently Nelly was behind this request (so many men owe their success to being hen-pecked, or at least to having strong-minded wives!); for in granting it, Kiliaen stated, "I had hoped you would have settled in my colony, but, as I am told, your wife was not much inclined thereto ..." He also called Wolfert "honorable, discreet," though he intimated that there had not been as much attention paid to his colony as he wished. Two years later he was to offer Wolfert and his son Gerrit one-half to two-thirds of Castle Island near present Albany, which would have given them farms much larger than anyone else's.

Wolfert worked his Manhattan bouwerie until July 1638 — more than two years after the expiration of his lease.

The fourth period, which overlapped the third by two years, started with his joining another land speculator, Andries Hudde, in purchasing from the Indians the westernmost of three flats in what is now the Flatlands section of Brooklyn. The deed, dated 16 June 1636, was executed the same day as the deeds for Corlaer's and Van Twiller's flats, which comprise the major part of present Flatbush; but these other two were not immediately lived on. The following document contains one of the very few descriptions of Dutch property:

> "Inventory: of the Effects and Goods at Achterveldt (literally, 'the back field') Belonging to Andries Hudde and Wolfert Gerritse 3 milch cows, 1 heifer 2 yrs old, 1 d° 1 yr old, 2 old oxen, 1 young d°, 1 young calf, 2 old mares, 1 yearling d°, 1 stallion 3 yrs old, 1 gelding 4 yrs old, 1 new wagon & appurtenances, 1 wheelplough & appurtenances, 1 iron harrow, some farm tools acquired for the Bowery. One house surrounded by long round palisades; the house is 26′ long, 22′ wide and 40′ deep with the roof covered above & all around with planks, 2 garrets 1 above the other and a small chamber on the side with an outlet on the side. 1 barn 40′ long, 12′ wide & 24′ high with the roof. 1 bergh (moveable roof to protect hay, etc.) with 5 posts, long 40′. About 16 morgens (32 acres) of land sown with summer and winter grain. A garden planted with a number of fruit trees. A yawl with appurtenances. (This was most important, as the only way to Manhattan was by water, the Indian trail which is now Flatbush Avenue having no settlers on it and being hard to traverse.) This done and found on the aforesaid Bowery, called Actervelt, situate upon Long Island, this 9th of July A° 1638."

Concerning the house there was a hint of unscrupulous practice, possibly by Hudde, for Gilles Peterson van der Gouw testified on 22 March 1639, "The house of Wolfert Gerrits, standing in the Bay, was built by the Company's carpenters," the implication being that it was "done on Company time." Hudde sold out to his partner and to Gerrit Wolfertse, eventually ending, like so many speculators, desperately in need of money — so desperately that he petitioned the Governor and Council to be allowed to open a school!

Under the Ordinance of 1 July 1652 private purchases of land were invalidated unless the land was fully used. But Stuyvesant ratified the tract to Wolfert on 24 August 1658, and Nicolls confirmed it when the British took over.

The palisades about the house made it a place of refuge, and we know that the inhabitants of Gravesend once resorted there when there was Indian trouble. Nearby was the dwelling of Gerrit, Wolfert's eldest son. Later, Elbert Elbertse Stoothoff, who had married Gerrit's widow, established a store on the ground floor of Wolfert's house, which supposedly burned in 1674, consuming also the first book of records of the town. But by that time Wolfert had been dead twelve years.

It is possible — really probable — that Wolfert went back to Manhattan to live after Nelly died (which was before December 1656); for he bought there, on 18 April 1657, the Small Burgher right, which entitled him to conduct a retail business; and there is nothing in the existing records to indicate that he was still living in what he called New Amersfort. Thus there may have been a fifth period to a life that spanned more than three-quarters of a century.

The site of Wolfert's house has remained the center of Flatlands: currently Flatbush Avenue and Kings Highway. And a few years ago a junior high school in the area was named for Andries Hudde, though Andy never lived there; but can you imagine children without Dutch ancestry trying to head their papers "Wolfert Gerritsen Van Kouwenhoven Junior High School"?

(The rest of the talk dealt with the beginnings of the family in Monmouth County, where it accounted for a third of the Dutch population for at least a century.)

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The President read a letter from the Royal Netherlands Embassy, Washington, D. C., extending best wishes for the success of the Reunion.

The dinner was brought to a close by all joining hands and singing our traditional hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," led by Mrs. Charlotte Conover of Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

Sunday, June 28. The group went to the Smithville Inn for a Dutch Treat Luncheon and to browse among the many interesting shops and points of interest. The Inn, built originally in 1787 as a one room brick-lined structure, was on a stagecoach route, and is famous for its fine food and picturesque setting. Seemingly reluctant to take their leave, "cousins" from far and near visited from table to table chatting and saying their Au Revoirs before starting for home.

The Reunion was a most successful one and, even though there seemed to be something of interest planned for every minute, many of our members and their families found time to see the sights. Our bright orange satin badges were much in evidence on Atlantic City's famous boardwalk, and not a few of the hardier members were observed on bicycles, in the pool and on the beach.

JANICE D. CONOVER, Secretary

Report of the Board of Trustees' Fall (1964) Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1964 AT STACY TRENT HOTEL
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

The meeting was called to order by the President at 11:15 A.M. with the following Trustees and guests present: Trustees — Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, President; Donald V. N. Conover, 1st Vice President; Wilson Conover, 2nd Vice President; Janice D. Conover, Secretary; Mida C. Blake, Treasurer; Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian; Olive Rundstrom, Genealogist and Membership Chairman; Viola Conover, Agent-for-supplies; Herbert T. Conover, Editor of The Bulletin; Elaine Abrahamson, Charles P. Conover, Stephen A. Conover, Helen Dawley, Charles Bird, William R. Conover, Lola S. Cheney, Helen Roberts and Thomas S. Roberts. Guests: Mrs. Charles Bird, Mrs. Charles P. Conover, Mrs. William R. Conover, Mrs. Wilson Conover, Mrs. Raymond Dilley, Miss Denise Broeren, Mrs. Donald Conover, Mrs. Van Nest Conover, Mrs. Stephen Conover and Mrs. Arthur Kouwenhoven.

The President announced that he had appointed Mr. Stephen Conover of Trenton, N. J., to serve the unexpired term of the late Captain Willis Conover.

Communications. The President read cards from Trustees who were absent and a letter from Past President Reverend Earle V. A. Conover of Omaha, Nebraska, son of our late Honorary President, the Reverend Garrett Milton Conover, regretting his inability to attend the Reunion last June because of the illness of his wife.

Mrs. Rundstrom reported receiving many letters from persons who had attended the Reunion in Atlantic City. All said they had a marvelous time and were looking forward to the next Reunion.

The President reported that 22 Hereditary Societies of New Jersey were sponsoring a Tercentenary Dinner at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark on October 24th.

Mr. Richard H. Amerman, Editor of the Holland Society publication, "de Halve Maen", will carry an item about our 1964 Reunion in the next issue. Also, Dr. Kenn Stryker-Rodda's talk at the Reunion is to be published in the next issue of The Bulletin.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, reported as follows:

Balance on hand June 27, 1964			$1,039.03
Received:	Reunion money	$654.00	
	Dues and fees	191.00	
	Supplies sold	108.05	953.05
			$1,992.08
Paid Out:	Bulletins and Notices	$468.72	
	Reunion luncheons and dinners	607.97	
	Buses for Batsto	90.00	
	Speaker's fee and expenses	35.00	
	Jewelry	34.34	
	Flowers for Rev. Garrett M. Conover	10.00	
	Service charge for bank account	1.52	1,247.55
Balance on hand October 17, 1964			$ 744.53

Membership Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Genealogist and Membership Committee Chairman, reported the following applications for membership which were accepted subject to verification of their lineage:

George B. Myers, 12866 Sperry Road, Chesterland, Ohio
Oliver B. Conover, 400 Allaire Road, R. D. #1, Belmar, N. J.
Capt. Robert Oliver Conover, 9 St. Quentin St., S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Russell Kenneth Conover, R. D. #1, Lebanon, N. J.
Mrs. Robert M. White, 290 Wabash Avenue, Kenmore, N. Y. 14217
Philip Richards Roberts, 16 Linden Street, Whitinsville, Mass.
Ralph Eugene Conover, 401 Slocum Avenue, Neptune, N. J.
Mrs. William A. Van Brunt, 604 Irving Place, Long Branch, N. J.
Miss Lois Blanchard Newkirk, 321 West 24th St., Apt. 7A, New York, N. Y. 10011
Mrs. Clarence Smires, R. D. #1, Columbus, Ohio
Jeremy Peter Conover, Mendham Road, Gladstone, N. J.
Jeffrey Charles Conover, Mendham Road, Gladstone, N. J.
Mrs. Ranyond S. Hamilton, 24 Marshall Street, Caldwell, N. J.
Mrs. Frank C. Gordon, 36 Highway #33, Freehold, N. J.
Charles Stuart Conover, 2300 South 15th Avenue, Broadview, Illinois

For Associate membership —
Mrs. Charles P. Conover, Mendham Road, Gladstone, N. J.
Mrs. J. Russell Conover, Box 52, Whitehouse Station, N. J.

The President announced that Mrs. R. D. Harvey of Western Springs, Illinois, had been appointed our Mid-West Correspondent.

Resolutions. In view of the death of our Honorary President, Rev. Garrett Milton Conover, and Capt. Willis C. Conover, Trustee, the following resolutions were adopted:

> RESOLVED, that the Officers, Trustees and members of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, Incorporated, do, by this resolution, recognize the significant contribution made by our late Honorary President, Rev. Garrett Milton Conover to the record of our family and of this Association. A member of the group of founders that met at the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Grandin, N. J., in August 1896, to organize the Association. The Reverend Garrett Milton Conover first became President in 1925 and served in that capacity with honor during many succeeding years.
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> RESOLVED, that the Officers, Trustees and members of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, Incorporated, do, by this resolution, acknowledge the valued contribution made to the record of the family and of this Association by the late Captain Willis C. Conover. First elected a Trustee in 1942 at the Old Tennent Church, Tennent, N. J. Captain Conover served as Second Vice President in 1946, 1947 and 1948. He was again elected Trustee in 1959 and served in this capacity until the time of his death.

Cemetery Committee. Mrs. Helen Dawley, Chairman, reported that the dogwood trees planted in the Covenhoven-Schenck Cemetery in Holmdel were doing nicely. In October a group of twelve picnicked at the Wilson Conovers and inspected the cemetery. It was suggested that if the cemetery were declared an Historic Site by the State of New Jersey it would assist in preservation from the inroads of developers and might help to prevent vandalism.

Mr. Thomas S. Roberts, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, was requested to report nominees for Trustees, Class of 1968, at the Reunion in June 1965.

Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom reported with reference to the 1964 Reunion that there were 107 luncheon guests, 92 dinner guests, 71 bus passengers to Batsto (some went by private car) and 74 luncheon guests at the Smithville Inn.

Herbert T. Conover displayed samples of the new bookplate. It was agreed that it would be announced in the next issue of The Bulletin.

The 1965 Reunion. After discussion it was agreed that the next Reunion, June 26, 1965, would be held at the American House in Freehold, N. J., which has excellent new air-conditioned facilities for meetings and luncheons as well as hotel and motel accommodations for anyone wishing to stay over.

A number of Trustees felt that we should have the 1966 Reunion at a church and a committee consisting of Donald Conover, Chairman; Charles P. Conover and Janice Conover was appointed to recommend a suitable place.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION

Historian's Report. Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian, suggested reproducing a photograph of the members who attended the New York World's Fair in 1939. Herbert T. Conover graciously offered to donate his copy of the picture for the Historian's scrapbook. On motion, the Historian was authorized to purchase a third scrapbook and to have the name of the Association and Volume I, II and III respectively, stamped on the front cover and back of each book.

The President suggested that consideration be given to selecting one or more places which could be recommended to our members as being suitable for donating important family documents such as deeds, land grants, copies of wills and other papers of historic and genealogical significance. For example, there is a collection of family papers at the library of Rutgers University. Thought also should be given to sponsoring the furnishing of a room in such a place as Batsto or the Hendrickson House where heirlooms could be preserved under constant supervision.

It was agreed that the next issue of The Bulletin carry a complete listing of our membership.

The 1965 Reunion Committee. The President appointed the following to serve as the Committee for the 1965 Reunion: The President, Chairman; Wilson Conover, Mrs. Helen Roberts, William R. Conover and Mrs. Charles P. Conover.

Next Trustees' Meeting. It was agreed that the next Trustees' meeting would be held on April 3, 1965 at the Forsgate Country Club in Jamesburg, N. J. On motion, the meeting was adjourned.

JANICE D. CONOVER, Secretary

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Report of the Board of Trustees' Spring (1965) Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1965 AT PRINCETON INN
PRINCETON, N. J.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 11:15 A.M. The following Trustees and guests were in attendance: Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, President; Donald V. N. Conover, 1st Vice President; Wilson Conover, 2nd Vice President; Janice D. Conover, Secretary; Mida C. Blake, Treasurer; Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian; Olive Rundstrom, Genealogist; Herbert T. Conover, Editor of The Bulletin; Viola Conover, Agent-for-supplies; Elaine Abrahamson, Charles Bird, Lola Cheney, Charles P. Conover, Leon Conover, Past President; Stephen A. Conover, Helen Dawley, Walter H. Kitchel, Helen Roberts, Thomas A. Roberts.

Guests: Mrs. Charles Bird, Mrs. L. T. Blackwell, Mrs. Charles P. Conover, Mrs. Donald V. N. Conover, Mrs. Leon Conover, Mrs. Stephen Conover, Mrs. V. N. Conover, Mrs. Wilson Conover, Mrs. Raymond Dilley, Mrs. Walter Kitchel, and Mrs. Arthur Kouwenhoven.

The President read cards from Mrs. Joseph Ely and from Walter and William R. Conover, Trustees, who were absent.

The President announced the death of Mrs. Frank J. Maps of Long Branch, N. J., a former Trustee. On motion, the following resolution was adopted to be confirmed at the Annual Reunion:

> RESOLVED, that the Officers, Trustees and members of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, Inc., do, by this resolution, recognize the significant contribution made by our late Trustee, Mrs. Frank J. Maps, to the record of our family and of this Association. Mrs. Maps served as Trustee from June 1946 to 1950 and from 1954 to 1963. In 1952, Mrs. Maps was appointed Historian and served in that capacity until 1956.

The President announced that flowers had been sent by the Association in memory of Mrs. Maps. It was the consensus of the Board that the practice of sending flowers in memory of deceased Trustees should be continued.

Treasurer's Report. Miss Mida C. Blake, Treasurer, reported a balance on hand of $791.81.

Membership Committee Report. Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Genealogist and Chairman of the Membership Committee, presented the following applications for membership:

Ariel L. Conover, 6 Irving Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J.
Miss Mary G. Gorrell, 307 Hollywood Avenue, Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J.
Mrs. Ronald M. Foster, 876 Standish Avenue, Westfield, N. J.
Martin Conover, 710 South 800 East, Springville, Utah
Francis R. Schanck, 421 North Washington Street, Hinsdale, Illinois
Robert C. Bishop, Blossom Hill Farm, Mountainville, Orange County, N. Y.
Richard DeM. Conover, 87 Brunswick Avenue, Lebanon, N. J.

On motion, these applications were accepted with the provision that they will automatically become ancestral members when their lineage record has been certified by the Genealogist. In order to simplify the work of the Genealogist, two form letters were suggested to acknowledge receipt of applications and to notify applicants of their acceptance.

The Editor of The Bulletin, Herbert T. Conover, reported that he expected to have the next issue out before the Reunion.

Agent-for-supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent-for-supplies, reported that since October 1964, supplies amounting to $191.55 had been sold.

The Board complimented Mr. and Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, who have been members of the Association for 35 years, during which they have missed only one Reunion.

Cemetery Committee Report. Mrs. Helen Dawley, Chairman, reported that the Committee's project for this Spring would be to realign and repair headstones in the Covenhoven-Schenck Cemetery. The Committee plans to have a picnic and visit the cemetery in May. At the suggestion of Mrs. Rundstrom, the President agreed to write to Commissioner Roe of the Department of Conservation and Economic Development of New Jersey requesting that the cemetery be designated as an historical site.

Committee on Reunion Sites Report. Donald V. N. Conover, Chairman, reported there was a church in Blawenburg, N. J. and the Reformed Church in Neshanic, N. J. as a possible site for our 1966 Reunion, and that either would serve luncheon and provide meeting facilities. The Committee will continue its investigations.

After some discussion, it was agreed that, in the light of positive evidence that Neeltje, wife of Wolphert Gerretse was in the New Netherlands in 1626, we must assume that she came with Wolphert in 1625. Therefore, in the future we will use that date as the date when the family was established in America.

Reunion Committee Report. After luncheon the Committee reported its plans for the Reunion on June 26th in Freehold, N. J. Mrs. Helen Roberts has compiled a brief description of points of interest in and around Freehold, which will be included as part of the advance notice of the Reunion. She is planning a photographic display of these places which will be on view in the meeting room. Rev. Norman Lester Lawrence has been asked to give the Invocation, Miss Helen Voorhees, President, will bring greetings from the Van Voorhees Association and Dr. Kenn Stryker-Rodda will be the speaker. After the meeting we will visit the Museum of the Monmouth County Historical Association.

Historian's Report. Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian, reported on her activities and suggested that we have a photograph taken at each Reunion. Many members might like to have one and they would make welcome additions to our scrapbooks.

Herbert T. Conover suggested that we should make some effort to compile a record of the family, which might be published in installments in The Bulletin. These records might be obtained in part by sending a questionnaire to our members. It was also suggested that we consider having our records microfilmed so that they would not be lost in event of fire. Walter Kitchel pointed out that the Mormon Church might be willing to do this if they were permitted to keep a copy for their own use.

Next Trustees' Meeting. It was agreed that the next Turstees' meeting would be held at the Princeton Inn on Saturday, October 9, 1965. The meeting was then adjourned at 3:15 P.M. JANICE D. CONOVER, Secretary

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Recent Events in the Family Circle

— Births —

Christine Marie Conover, born June 12, 1964 to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Conover, Jr. of 608 New York Avenue, Absecon, N. J.

Kelly Conover, born April 17, 1965, in Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg, N. J., to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Conover, Jr. of Glen Gardner, N. J.

Michael Todd Conover, born January 31, 1965 at Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J. to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Conover of Main Street, Lebanon, N. J.

Patrick Joseph Conover, born December 30, 1964 in Fitkin Hospital, Neptune, N. J. to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ellard Conover of 12 Third Street, Freehold, N. J.

Julie-Anne Collishaw, born May 18, 1964 to Mr. and Mrs. William Conover Collishaw of 10 Grandview Avenue, Suffern, N. Y.

Brian Kouwenhoven, born June 12, 1964 to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wolfert Kouwenhoven of Fort Myers, Florida.

Nicholas Wilson Kouwenhoven, born September 9, 1964 in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., to Mr. and Mrs. William G. Kouwenhoven of New York. Mrs. Kouwenhoven is the former Alexandra Stein.

Katrina Conover Roberts, born March 23, 1965 at Riverview Hospital, Red Bank, N. J. to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Allen Roberts of 234 Hamiltonian Drive, Middletown, N. J.

Jacqueline Rene Roecker, born October 20, 1963 to Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Roecker of Carbondale, Illinois.

Walter Richard Roecker, born October 19, 1964 to Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Roecker of Camden, N. J.

— *Marriages* —

Clarence George Conover, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence G. Conover, Sr. of rural Califon, N. J., and Penelope Jane Shannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Shannon, also of rural Califon, were married August 28, 1964, by Boro Magistrate Wilson Anderson in his home on McArthur Street, High Bridge, N. J.

The bride attended North Hunterdon Regional High School. The bridegroom was graduated from North Hunterdon Regional High School. He is employed as a mechanic at the Edken Ford garage in Clinton, N. J. The couple will reside in the Bunnvale area.

Flora May Conover, daughter of Cornelius Nevius Conover and Flora Jane Boyce of New Brunswick, N. J., and Robert L. Wolford, son of Robert D. Wolford and Bertha P. Kern, were married October 12, 1963 in Palmerton, Pennsylvania.

Joyce M. Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Conover of Hightstown, N. J., and Edward W. Krieger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Krieger of Trenton, N. J., were married February 27, 1965 in the First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, N. J., by the Rev. James S. Weaver.

The bride, a graduate of Princeton High School, is attending Rider College and employed by RCA. The bridegroom is attending Trenton Technical Institute, and is also employed by RCA. The couple will reside in Trenton, N. J.

Patricia Ann Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Conover of 31 East Plaza Place, Pleasantville, N. J., and Christopher L. Thoms, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Thoms of Absecon Shores, were married September 5, 1964 in St. Peter's R. C. Church, Pleasantville, by the Rev. Charles Long.

The couple will live on the campus at Michigan State University where Thoms will complete his studies. The bride will be employed by the Consumers Power Electric Co., Lansing, Mich.

Ruth Conover, daughter of Mrs. Frederick Conover of Hickory Street, Kearny, N. J. and the late Mr. Conover, and Rodger A. Ireland, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Ireland of Chestnut Street, Kearny, were married February 21, 1965 in St. Stephen's Church, Kearny, by the Rev. John Tracey.

Alice Witherell Kouwenhoven, daughter of Mrs. Frank Wolfert Kouwenhoven of 4310 Rugby Road, Baltimore, Md., and Homer Seymour Pringle, son of Mrs. Frances V. Pringle of 121 College Avenue, Ithaca, N. Y. and H. Seymour Pringle of 2812 Southaven Road, Anapolis, Md., were married August 18, 1962 in the Second Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Md., by Rev. John Schmidt.

They will reside at 24 Bobsled Drive, Needham Heights, Mass. 02194.

Lorraine Hazel Lipscomb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Lipscomb of Easton, Maryland, and Philip Richard Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Roberts of Whitinsville, Mass., were married June 27, 1964, in Christ Church, Easton, Md.

The bride is a graduate of Holton Arms School, Washington, D. C. Mr. Roberts is a graduate of Loomis School, Windsor, Conn., and of Harvard University.

— *Anniversaries* —

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Conover of North Branch, N. J., observed their 40th wedding anniversary, February 21, 1965.

— *Deaths* —

Cora May Conover, 55 years of age, died June 30, 1964 at her home at 134 West Merion Avenue, Pleasantville, N. J. Mrs. Conover was born in Oceanville, N. J. and had resided in Pleasantville 54 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Wanda M. Brewin; a son, Robert E. Small of Pleasantville; her mother, Mrs. Mary Conover of Absecon, N. J.; a brother, Horace Conover of Atlantic City; a sister, Mrs. Ida Mears of Los Angeles, Calif., and seven grandchildren. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Ernest Conover, 59 years of age, died April 25, 1965 at his home in Belle Mead, N. J. A lifelong resident of Belle Mead, he was a farmer and operator of a school bus fleet.

Survivors include his wife, Kathryn; a son, Albert Benton Conover; a daughter, Mrs. Richard Duane of Belle Mead; his father, Alex B. Conover of Belle Mead; two sisters, Mrs. Ellsworth Veghte of Belle Mead and Mrs. Louis LaBaw of Neshanic, N. J., and a grandchild. Interment was in Belle Mead Cemetery.

The Rev. Garrett Milton Conover, D.D. of East Main Street, High Bridge, N. J., died July 16, 1964 in his home. He was 98 years of age.

Born March 29, 1866 on a Clinton Township farm, which place is now the site of the earthen dam at Spruce Run Reservoir, a son of Theodore Y. and Sarah Ann Sharp Conover. He lived there as a child and attended Clinton Public Schools until moving to Easton, Pa., where his father moved to become a tea and coffee merchant. After a few years in Easton, the family returned to Clinton to a farm next to the first, and he resumed his education there.

He was graduated from Rutgers Preparatory School in New Brunswick, N. J. in 1888, from Rutgers College in 1892, and from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1895. He was ordained to the ministry in 1896. In 1951 he was given an honorary degree of doctor of divinity by Western University of Indiana.

On June 13, 1895 he married Josie Elliott VanArsdale, daughter of John Kirkpatrick and Sarah Elliott VanArsdale, who was the mother of his three children. Upon her death, he married as his second wife, Bertha S. Stryker, a daughter of the Rev. Peter Stryker, and she died in 1955.

The Rev. Garrett Milton Conover, D.D.

Dr. Conover served as a Reformed Church minister for 37 years before his retirement in 1932. During his active career, he held pastorates in Hawthorne, West Nyack, N. Y.; Rocky Hill, Asbury Park, and Montville. After his retirement, he took up permanent residence in Hunterdon County at High Bridge. His longest pastorate was in Asbury Park, where he served 20 years from 1907 to 1927. Having officiated at hundreds of weddings, he earned the title, "Marrying Parson". He performed weddings in his own home until recently, and had married several generations in the same families.

Dr. Conover was widely known in his retirement since he had preached from time to time at Bethlehem Presbyterian, Cherryville Baptist, High Bridge Reformed, Annandale Reformed and Oldwick Zion Lutheran Churches. He was a member of Annandale Reformed Church. He also served as Stated Clerk in the Classis of Raritan of the Reformed Church.

On the occasion of his 93rd birthday, which he celebrated by baptizing two great-granddaughters, he remarked that in order to lead a full successful life, one should "learn to say no, resist temptations, choose the good things in life and hold onto God." Emphasizing this, he used a Biblical passage, "I have been young, but now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread."

Dr. Conover was the last living member of the organizers in 1896 of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. In the early years he was the "backbone" of the organization, served many terms as president, and held the office of honorary president since 1940.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Beardslee C. Van Kampen of Wyckoff, N. J.; two sons, G. Elliot Conover of Verona, N. J., and Rev. Earle V. A. Conover of Omaha, Nebr., a retired Navy chaplain; five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Harriet (Hattie) Ann Harrison Conover, 87 years of age, of 156 North 500 East, resident of Provo, Utah, died August 8, 1964 at the home of a daughter in Salt Lake City, of natural causes.

She was the widow of Don Wilson Conover and was a prominent artist. Born on August 4, 1877 in Salt Lake City, a daughter of William and Sarah Elizabeth Wilson Harrison, early Utah pioneers, she married Don Wilson Conover on June 25, 1902 in the Salt Lake City Temple. He died January 3, 1942.

Mrs. Conover was an active member of the LDS Church, and a member of the Provo Fifth and Eighth Wards, where she served in the Relief Society as a work director, a visiting teacher for 57 years and as president of her religion classes and as an officer and teacher in the primary. She also served on the Relief Society State Board.

An interesting part of Mrs. Conover's history was the fact that as a baby in arms of three weeks, she was taken by her parents to the funeral of Brigham Young, great Mormon colonizer and leader and second president of the LDS Church.

Mrs. Conover attended the Brigham Young University where she was prominent in oil and water color painting. She served on the Utah County Fair Board for three terms.

Mrs. Conover was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, joining in 1949, and supplied much genealogical material to the editor of The Bulletin on the Conovers of Utah.

Surviving are one son, W. Harrison Conover of Springville, Utah; a daughter, Mrs. Levi E. (Elizabeth) Reynolds of Salt Lake City; ten grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Josiah F. Harrison of Salt Lake City and E. G. Harrison of Provo. Interment was in the Provo City Cemetery.

Howard E. Conover, 89 years of age, of 112 Stewart Avenue, Kearny, N. J., died May 19, 1964 in St. Peter's Hospital, New Brunswick, N. J. of a long illness. His wife, Mary Vosper Conover, died April 7, 1963.

Born in New Brunswick, he lived in Kearny for 66 years. Mr. Conover was attendance officer of the Kearny public schools for 48 years before his retirement in 1959. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Kearny. Interment was in Elmwood Cemetery, New Brunswick.

John W. Conover, 58 years of age, of 838 New York Road, Absecon, N. J., died April 9, 1965 in Underwood Hospital, Woodbury, N. J.

Mr. Conover was a warehouseman at the Sun Oil Co. in Paulsboro. He was a life-long resident of Conovertown and a member of the Bayview Volunteer Fire Company.

Surviving are his wife, Bessie; a daughter, Mrs. Jane Wetmore of Conovertown; two sons, John W. of Mantua, N. J. and Robert of Conovertown; a sister, Mrs. Beatrice Conover, and 10 grandchildren. Interment was in Absecon Methodist Cemetery.

Josephine B. Conover, wife of Ray W. Conover of 262 Birch Avenue, Hawthorne, California, died May 19, 1964.

Mae K. Conover, wife of George W. Conover, Sr. of 659 Haxton Avenue, Orange, N. J., died July 9, 1964. She is also survived by a daughter, Mrs. Robert Sullivan, and a son, George W. Conover, Jr., both of Maplewood, N. J.

Nellie Conover, 58 years of age, of 23 Old Port Republic Road, Oceanville, N. J., died April 16, 1965 in Atlantic City Hospital, Atlantic City, N. J. A lifelong resident of Oceanville, she was employed by the David I. Greenberg Co. in Pleasantville, N. J.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph Conover; five daughters, Miss Eleanor Conover, Miss Hilda Conover and Mrs. Adelaide Wilson, all of Oceanville; Mrs. Shirley Reese and Mrs. Jeanne Swain, both of Plythe, Calif.; three sons, Joseph of Pomona, N. J.; Horace J. of Linwood, and Sherwood of Oceanville; a sister, Mrs. Lillian Somers of Oceanville, and 20 grandchildren. Interment was in Oceanville Cemetery.

Nelson A. Conover, died August 18, 1964. He is survived by his wife, Susan; a daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Munce; two sons, Nelson J. and Robert; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Boyne and Catherine Peterson, and two brothers, John and James. Interment was in St. Charles Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ralph E. Conover, 57 years of age, of 8 Vail Place, Morristown, N. J., was killed October 10, 1964 when struck by a car while crossing Speedwell Avenue a block from his home.

Born in Green Village, N. J., Mr. Conover, a carpenter, was a life-long resident of Morris County. He was a member of Grace Episcopal Church, Madison, N. J.

He was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Olive Lindsey Conover; two sons, Ralph L. of Hackettstown, N. J., and William H. of Brookside, N. J.; a brother, Edwin of Brooktondale, N. Y., and nine grandchildren.

Richard P. Conover, Sr. of 131 Broadway, Ocean Grove, N. J., died at his home on June 5, 1964.

Mr. Conover was born in Lakewood, N. J. and lived in Newark, N. J. for 30 years. He moved to Ocean Grove four months ago. He was a retired bus driver for Public Service in Newark.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Rose Sanders Conover; three sons, Richard P., Jr. of Newark; Robert of Milford, and Edward of Union Beach; a daughter, Mrs. Lillian Keida of Paterson, N. J.; two brothers, Jack Conover of Lakewood, and James Conover of Brick Township, and seven grandchildren.

Sophia M. Conover, 57 years of age, wife of Fred Scott Conover, died January 12, 1965 at her home on Church Street, Liberty Corner, N. J.

Born in Youngstown, Ohio, Mrs. Conover came here eight months ago from Montclair, N. J. to make her home with a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Lundy. Mrs. Conover was a member of the Woman's Club of Montclair.

She also leaves another daughter, Mrs. Florence Simpkins of Cedar Knolls, N. J.; a son, Fred, Jr. of Batavia, Ill.; her mother, Mrs. Michael Menning of Youngstown, Ohio; three brothers, William Menning of Summit, N. J.; Walter Menning of Youngstown, and Frederick Menning of Woodstock, Vt.; two sisters, Mrs. Paul Schmidt and Mrs. Howard Richards, both of Youngstown, and seven grandchildren.

Thomas Harvey Conover, 62 years of age, died September 6, 1964 at his home, 144 Bayview Drive, Absecon, N. J. Mr. Conover was born in Atlantic City and was a life-long resident of this area. He was an oil burner serviceman for the Garden State Oil Co.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Bucknam; a daughter, Mrs. Blanche

Belcher of Atlantic City, and three grandchildren. Interment was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. J.

Willis Clark Conover, 69 years of age, of the Garden State Trailer Park, Raritan Township, Monmouth County, N. J., died September 27, 1964 in East Orange Veterans Hospital. Born February 23, 1895 in Buffalo, N. Y., a son of the late Rowland Judson Conover and Martha Louisa Smith. He joined the Navy in 1911 and transferred to the Army in 1914, from which he retired in 1934 as a captain. He received a battlefield commission in World War I. While serving in France he was decorated with the Silver Star and Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart for wounds received in action.

During World War II, Mr. Conover served as superintendent of East Coast shipping for the National Red Cross at Jersey City, N. J.

Capt. Willis C. Conover

On February 23, 1920, he married Frances Estelle Harris, a daughter of Wilbur T. and Gertrude E. Harris.

For the last 20 years he had operated a realty business in Red Bank and Holmdel. He was a member of the National Sojourners, F. & A. M., Fort Monmouth; the Retired Officers Club, Fort Monmouth, and a member and former president of the board of directors of the Apollo Club, a choral group in Asbury Park. He was one of the organizers of the adult school program in Monmouth County and was a member of Red Bank Presbyterian Church.

He was very much interested in the Conover family history and in 1938 he became a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, taking a very active part in its affairs, serving several terms as a trustee. In 1947 he presented to Rutgers University Library a collection of manuscripts which had been in the possession of his family for many years. (See Conover Family Bulletin Vol. 10, June 1947, p. 226.)

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frances Estelle Conover; two sons, Willis Conover, Jr. of New York and Washington, D. C., a director for the Voice of America (See Bulletin Vol. 21, June 1958, p. 28-31), and Walter Conover of Fair Haven, N. J.; a daughter, Mrs. James Davison of Fair Haven, and a brother, Robert Conover of Buffalo, N. Y. Interment was in Arlington (Va.) National Cemetery with full military honors.

Harold Whitney Blackford, 68 years of age, of 59 Rockview Avenue, North Plainfield, N. J., retired circulation manager of the Plainfield Courier-News, died February 18, 1965 at his home.

Mr. Blackford joined the staff of the Courier-News, February 24, 1908, as a newsboy. He next worked in the mail room after school and joined the circulation department full time in 1911. He was made circulation manager in 1927 when the Courier-News joined the Gannett group. He retired after 49 years on July 1, 1957.

In the early days of broadcasting, Mr. Blackford was the operator and announcer for America's pioneer municipal broadcasting station WEAM in North Plainfield.

Mr. Blackford was born in Newark, N. J., but attended Plainfield public schools. His membership included the Church of the Holy Cross in North Plainfield and its Couples Club, the Plainfield Historical Society, the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, and the West End Civic Ass'n.

He was a past master of Jerusalem Lodge 26, F. & A. M.; a member of Jerusalem Chapter 24 of R.A.M.; Trinity Commandery Knights Templar, Elizabeth Shrine 14, White Shrine of Jerusalem, and Plainfield Forest 84, Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

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SATURDAY, JUNE THE TWENTY-SEVENTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR
CHALFONTE-HADDON HALL
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

— Program —

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Business Meeting - 10:30 a.m.

Viking Room - Tower Floor - Haddon Hall

Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, *Presiding*

INVOCATION Rev. Norman Lester Lawrence

WELCOME ADDRESS David S. Davies, Executive Director
New Jersey Tercentenary Commission, Trenton

Response by President Arthur B. Kouwenhoven

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Tercentenary Committee

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, President
of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Genealogist and Chairman of Membership Committee

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS (See back page)
Conducted by Mrs. Clarence Dawley
Assisted by Miss Leola Cheney, Mrs. Donald V.N. Conover

Luncheon - 12 noon

Rutland Room, Haddon Hall, First Floor

Afternoon Activities

BATSTO TOUR—Busses leave Haddon Hall 1:30 p.m. Members please wear badges

RECEPTION—7:00 p.m. Sun Porch, Lounge Floor, Haddon Hall

DUTCH TREAT DINNER—8:00 p.m. Wedgewood Room II, Haddon Hall, Lounge Floor

ADDRESS—"Importance of the Dutch in Early New Jersey History."
Ken Stryker-Rodda, D.LITT., F.A.S.G.

HYMN—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Lead by Mrs. Walter W. Conover

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

— Memorial Service —

(People standing)

Leader—Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley
Assisted by Miss Leola Cheney

LEADER: We dedicate these moments to those of our family who have answered God's call.

Reading by the Leader

It is with great sorrow that we present the following names of members who have entered the Presence of the King.

LEADER reads the names of deceased members and flower is placed in vase for each one.

ALFRED S. FRANK, Dayton, Ohio, died September 14, 1962
AUDREY CONOVER BETZLER, Franklin, Ohio, died June, 1963
MINNIE M. CONOVER, Metuchen, N. J., died July 31, 1963
LAURA VANDERVEER CONOVER, Manalapan Township, N. J., died January 23, 1964
HUBERT SOMERS, Atlantic City, N. J., died March 2, 1964

LEADER: May we bow our heads in prayer.

O God, Thou who are infinite, and whose wisdom is far beyond our ability to understand, we thank Thee for Thy guidance and comfort of the spirit of those who so faithfully lived among us and have returned to Thee. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

VOCAL SOLO—"The Lord's Prayer" - . *Albert Hay Malotte*
Mrs. Donald V.N. Conover, Soloist — Donald V. N. Conover, Accompanist

He was former director of the Inter-State Circulation Managers Association and a life member of the International Circulation Managers Association, the New Jersey Press Association and local Chamber of Commerce.

With his wife, Mrs. Idabel M. Conover Blackford, he shared the hobby of gardening at his home, named "Rockview", which was known as a garden showplace. Another hobby of his was still photography.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackford were married October 6, 1928, in the Church of the Holy Cross. Mrs. Blackford formerly was employed in the Courier-News circulation department as was their son, Winfield D. Blackford of Plainfield Avenue, Metuchen, N. J.

Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J.

Charlotte Conover Boice of Merion, Pa., died March 21, 1965 at Linwood, N. J. She formerly lived at Pleasantville, N. J. She was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Surviving are her husband, Harry Boice; three daughters, Mrs. Anna L. Morgenweck of Linwood, Mrs. Dorothy McKinley of Merion, Pa., and Mrs. Helene Shields of Pleasantville, N. J.; two sisters, Mrs. E. L. Cunard and Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom, both of Absecon, N. J.; two brothers, James A. Conover of Absecon and Walter W. Conover of Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.

Interment was in Absecon Methodist Cemetery.

J. Rice Gibbs, M.D., 80 years of age, died March 11, 1965 in St. Augustine, Fla. Dr. Gibbs was the son of the late Dr. John Gibbs of Clinton, N. J. He conducted a dental practice for many years in New York City, but had lived in Florida in recent years. There are no survivors, his wife having died two years ago. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Clinton, N. J.

Dr. Gibbs was formerly a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Henry Conover Huff, 89 years of age, of Neshanic, N. J., died August 22, 1964 in Foothill Acres Nursing Home, Neshanic.

A life-long resident of the area, he was born in Branchburg Township, and was the son of the late John V. and Mary Conover Huff. For a brief period in his early life, he lived in Illinois.

A retired cattle dealer, he was also one of the organizers of the Raritan Valley Hydro-Electric Co., which was later taken over by the New Jersey Power and Light Co. He was also the last surviving founder of the Neshanic Methodist Church, and for many years served on the official board of the church.

His wife, the late Elizabeth Hillpot Huff, died in 1954. Surviving are one brother, Edwin W. Huff, Sr., and a sister, Mrs. Anna Griscom, both of rural Neshanic. Interment was in Neshanic Cemetery.

Aurilla Conover Maps, 75 years of age, of 152 Washington Street, Long Branch, N. J., died February 15, 1965 at Monmouth Medical Center where she had been a patient for eight days.

Mrs. Maps was born in Long Branch, a daughter of the late John V. N. and Irene Marie Wortman Conover. She had lived here all her life, was a member of the Long Branch First Presbyterian Church and a past president of the 3 C's of the Church. She was a well known pianist and organist and a teacher of piano for many years.

On June 18, 1919, she married Frank James Maps, who died November 4, 1956. She was an organizer and first president of the Long Branch Cooperative Concert Association, a past president and member of the Long Branch Woman's Club, past 3rd District Music Chairman of the Club and a member of the Board of Directors of the Long Branch Public Health Nursing Ass'n.

She was a long-time member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association and had served several terms on the Association's Board of Trustees. Mrs. Maps was the organist of the following churches for many years: The First Presbyterian Church, the First Reformed Church and St. James Episcopal Church, all of Long Branch, and the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by several cousins. Interment was in Glenwood Cemetery, West Long Branch, N. J.

Iva Mae Adams Moore, 87 years of age, of 612 Lake Avenue, Grand Haven, Mich., died December 28, 1964.

Born August 8, 1877 in Walnut, Ill., daughter of Charles Henry Adams and Margaret Caroline Crownover Adams, and on June 21, 1899 she married Everett Alfred Moore in Seward, Nebraska.

Ten years after their marriage, Mr. Moore entered the ministry and was a priest in the Episcopal Church for 40 years, leaving this life August 18, 1950.

Mrs. Moore was long active in church work and for many years served as Directress of St. Elizabeth's Mission-by-Mail in the Diocese of Western Michigan. She was a life member of the Daughters of the King. She was also active in the D.A.R., a member of Muskegon Chapter, Muskegon, Mich., and past regent of the Marie-Therese Chapter, Cadillac, Mich. A life member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a member of the Grand Haven Woman's Club, and a long time member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. An ardent collector of buttons, she gave many programs showing parts of her extensive collection.

Her survivors are a son, Marion Glen Moore of Grand Haven; a daughter, Mrs. John Randolph Parker of Lincoln, Illinois; a brother, Clyde Ott Adams of Los Angeles, Calif.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Interment was in Lake Forest Cemetery, Grand Haven, Mich.

If there was an event in your family and you did not find it here, you did not report it to the editor.

Organist and Flier has Green Thumb

Flying Instructor Donald V. N. Conover makes last-minute check before taking off from airport

Though his profession of organist must be considered his chief skill, **Donald V. N. Conover** of Airport road does a lot of other things well.

He flies airplanes and is a flying instructor, he paints in oils, and he is a graduate horticulturalist. He is almost in a class by himself as an organ expert — he can put them together and take them apart, like, for instance, dismantling that mammoth instrument in New York's Paramount Theatre.

Making Music and Flying

"Most musicians make good fliers, and many of them are good athletes," Conover said. "They have that special sense of coordination and timing."

Averaging several teaching flights a week, Conover also frequently flies out-of-state to perform organ maintenance and repair work. He has been organ specialist for 25 years.

Conover's interest in flying stems from his first plane ride in 1947. He learned to fly and won his pilot's license in 1948 after soloing at Somerset Airport across from his home, a location he chose because of its proximity to the airport.

He formerly owned his own single-engine plane, but now flies with students or rents a plane. In addition to a commercial pilot's license, Conover holds instrument and instructor's ratings. He has taught flying to many local residents who now own their own planes. He also has trained 200 college boys now with Pan-American World Airways for their instrument rating.

His organ playing goes back to boyhood days on a farm near Belle Mead, where an old fashioned parlor reed organ held a place of honor in the family home. Both of his parents were musically inclined. Conover's mother taught piano and played the organ in the Harlingen Reformed Church before his birth in 1918. By the time he was

Donald at work installing an organ in his basement music room.

15, Conover was taking his mother's place at the Harlingen organ. Three years later he began the organ maintenance and repair work for which he is widely known.

The Paramount Job

Among Conover's recent assignments was the two-month task of dismantling the mammoth organ at New York's Paramount Theatre. This organ contains 48 ranks of pipes plus two complete sets of percussions, including three xylophones and two harp-marimbas as well as two sets of chimes. The nearly 10,000 pipes range from 32 feet long, each weighing over seven tons, to less than half-an-inch in length.

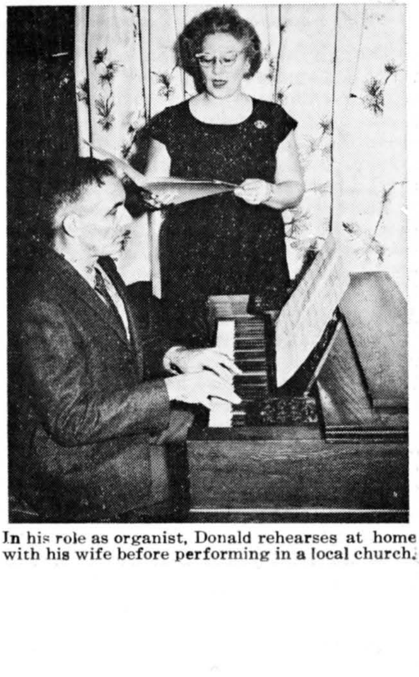
Four huge trailer trucks were used to transport the organ to its new home in a Los Angeles, Calif. theatre, where two years will be required to reassemble it. Built at a cost of $75,000 and installed in 1926 with two main consoles, each weighing two tons, the organ was made famous by the late nationally - known Jesse Crawford, "Poet of the Organ." The American Association of Theatre Organ Enthusiasts found a home for the orphaned organ after plans to raze the theatre were announced.

Conover's servicing of organs extends from Long Island, N. Y., throughout New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, and extends as well into Virginia. His work includes servicing organs at Sweet Briar and Randolph-Macon colleges in Virginia, and last summer he dismantled the organ at Vassar College in New York State. He also has helped to build and install organs, including those in churches in Easton, Pa. and High Bridge.

Building Own Home Organ

In addition to the small reed organ used in 1898 at the first service held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Elizabeth and now in Conover's home, he is presently installing an organ containing six ranks of pipes in his basement music room. He also helped build a number of organs with the late Elosh Brothers of Long Island. These include one containing two ranks of pipes installed in Conover's former Belle Mead home and now in the Clover Hill Reformed Church.

During the 1930's Conover often played at Somerville's Cort Theatre on the Wurlitzer organ there before it was scrapped during World War II. He quit the music business to serve four years in the Signal Corps in New



In his role as organist, Donald rehearses at home with his wife before performing in a local church.

Guinea, Australia, and the Philippines.

Conover also has played for studio rehearsals on the Wurlitzer organ, containing 58 ranks of pipes, at New York's Radio City Music Hall and for a radio station broadcasting from the Paramount Theatre in Middletown, N. Y.

Some Saturday nights he still plays in Bound Brook on the Brook Theatre organ, recently renovated by the Delaware Chapter of the ATOE, which includes 90 Somerset County members.

Conover's wife, the former Louise Dilley of Whitehouse and Somerville, also plays organ, but is noted locally as a singer in many churches. For more than 15 years she was soloist at Somerville's First Church of Christ Scientist. The couple now substitutes "on call" at many local-area churches with Mrs. Conover accompanying her husband as he plays the organ. They will be heard at a special service next Tuesday at the Readington Reformed Church.

One of Conover's favorite organ compositions is the late Alfred Hay Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer." Malotte, well-known as a music composer for motion pictures, also was a proficient boxer, Conover said.

In addition to playing, servicing and installing organs, composing for the instrument, plus giving lessons, Conover's talents extend to oil painting.

Flying Vacations

Conover first met his future wife, but did not know her well, when they were high school classmates. After their marriage six years ago, Conover flew his bride to Florida on their honeymoon. Since then they have made many single-engine plane flights throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Mrs. Conover's former high school teacher, Mrs. Alfred Van Fleet, is one of her husband's organ students.

His wife also shares Conover's interest in gardening. Together they cultivate a large vegetable garden and grow a profusion of flowers on their eight acres in Bedminster.

A graduate of the Guilmant Organ School in New York, Conover also was graduated from Rutgers Horticultural School.

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(Both Mr. and Mrs. Conover are members of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, Donald being 1st Vice President).

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— *Conographs* —

Husband & Wife Pass State Bar Exams

Newest members of the bar include Homer S. and Alice K. Pringle of 85 Myrtle Street, Beacon Hill. Mrs. Pringle, the former **Alice Witherell Kouwenhoven** of Baltimore, Md., was graduated from Cornell University Law School last June. Her husband, employed by a Boston law firm, holds a bachelor's, master's in business administration and law degree from Cornell also. — *(The Boston Globe, March 29, 1963)*

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Wins Highest Scholarship Award

Bonnie Ann Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Conover of 316 Ohio Avenue, Absecon, N. J., was the recipient of the Women's Club of Absecon Medal for Highest Scholarship of an Absecon Graduate of Pleasantville High School Class of 1964. She was also selected from the top ten seniors as one of the three speakers at the commencement exercises in June.

Miss Conover hopes to continue her education at Douglass College, majoring in mathematics. She is vice president of the National Honor Society at PHS and is on the staff of the year book. She is a member of the PHS Choir, secretary of the Bowling Club and of the Girls' Athletic Association, and is a cheerleader. She participated in the recent senior play and was first runner-up in the Miss Absecon contest held recently. — *(Mainland Journal, Pleasantville, N. J., May 14, 1964)*

Estate Adds $50,000 to Cancer Society

A former Freehold lawyer may be responsible for the development in New Jersey of a new weapon against cancer.

The Monmouth County Chapter of the American Cancer Society has just received word that another check for $50,000 has been turned over to the state division headquarters from the estate of the late **Andrew J. Conover.** This makes a total of $100,000 received from the estate since Mr. Conover died in 1962.

Since the bequests were specified for research, the money goes directly to the National Society. But, emphasized Thomas F. Grimley, executive vice president of the Society's New Jersey Division; "The money will be spent for research in New Jersey as far as possible."

It might go to Rutgers, the State University, for a project to see if a cancer virus can be found in chickens. It might go to the Veteran's Hospital in East Orange where experiments are underway to see if cancer of the lungs and windpipe can be produced in laboratory animals with cigarette smoke.

It might go to work at the South Jersey Medical Research Foundation, Camden, on the immunology of cancer.

It might go to a biologist who is trying to find a plant that offers promise against cancer, as Vinca resea seems to.

It might go to a project to determine the possible anti-cancer activity of earthworms.

It might be used by a chemist, physiologist, micro-biologist, or agricultural scientist, for these are just some of the fields of research currently being supported by the Cancer Society in New Jersey. Projects are underway at Princeton University and Seton Hall University, as well as the institutions already named.

Mr. Grimley said the exact allocation of the latest Conover bequest will not be made for at least two or three months. A prior bequest of $25,000 went to Dr. Philip H. Henneman at the Medical College at Seton Hall to develop new techniques of measuring minute quantities of growth hormones in the blood.—*(Freehold, N. J. Transcript, June 4, 1964)*

Graduates from Law College

David Brewster Parker graduated from Miami University College of Law on June 7, 1964 in Coral Gables, Florida. Mr. Parker is now working for the Chicago Title and Trust Co. in Chicago, Illinois. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Randolph Parker of Lincoln, Illinois.

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Gets Bachelor of Science Degree

Barry Conover Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Russell Mills of rural Lebanon, N. J. received a bachelor of science degree in business administration at the 74th annual West Virginia Wesleyan College commencement.—*(Hunterdon Co. Democrat, Flemington, N. J., June 11, 1964)*

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Graduates as Plane Armorer

Airman 2nd Class Eugene P. Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Conover of Rocky Hill Road, has graduated from the technical training course for U. S. Air Force armament mechanics at Lowry, AFB, Colorado.

Airman Conover, now a specialist in the F-106 jet fighter armament system, will be assigned to one of the more than 250 installations worldwide where Air Force assigned. The airman is a graduate of Princeton High School.—*(The Princeton, N. J. Herald, Aug. 19, 1964)*

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Creede School Named in Honor of Late Teacher

A new elementary school building at Creede, Colorado, has been named in honor of the late **Mrs. Maude Conover Lamb,** veteran teacher in the community. A grandson, Jim Lamb, a sophomore in the Creede High school, gave the dedicatory address at the services May 9, 1964.

Charles L. Thomson, Pueblo, grand master of the Colorado Masonic Lodge, and other grand officers, conducted the cornerstone laying ceremony as a part of the dedication. Masons from Alamosa and Del Norte joined Creede Masons in the rites.

The building of log construction was completed last September. It was designed by Gerald Crawford, Denver, and built by Leonard Gustafson, Creede.

(Mrs. Lamb was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven - Conover Family Association.)

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Architectural Hands of Freehold Conovers

The Freehold Conovers, pater et fils, have been responsible for restoring much of the Colonial architectural flavor to Monmouth. The late Warren H. Conover, architect, evidently believed that our forefathers had created a singular beauty in their public buildings and he sought to emulate them. Son, Hallam, was of the same mind. Between them they designed additions to the Freehold High School — the original, graceful building before it was overtaken with regional approval. Father and son were responsible for many other public structures. The architectural hand of the Freehold Conovers is on the facade of Monmouth.

These errant thoughts are evoked by a recent reference to Hattie Carnegie, the grand old couturiere, in a recent New York news item. Hattie, as some of us knew, had a great mansion, Four Winds Farm, on Nut Swamp Road, Middletown, designed by Hallam Conover after a mansion that had been destroyed by fire many years ago. At the time, the gracious Nineteenth Century building overlooked a great expanse of lovely and unpopulated greensward. It was a joy to behold, standing on an eminence that commanded the Monmouth side. Hattie had purchased the farm house from Walter Field. It burned during remodeling and was completely rebuilt.

As we recollect it, the restored Four Winds Farm was Hallam's pride and joy. It was and still is, a handsome architectural piece though the countryside has changed into suburbia. The house was sold several years ago, together with the surrounding acreage which is rapidly being turned into BammHollow Estates. The grand old manse, instead of commanding the serenity of sparsely settled Monmouth, now looks upon a miniature sea of development houses.—*(Freehold Transcript, Dec. 10, 1964)*

Named to Dean's List

Miss **Pamela L. Conover,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Conover of Dutch Neck, N. J., has been named to the Dean's list at the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio. Miss Conover is a member of the Moderating Council of the Frosh Fellowship and a reporter for the college newspaper "The Voice". She was a June graduate of Princeton, N. J. High School.—*(The Princeton Packet, Feb. 17, 1965)*

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Elected President of History Group

J. Wallace Conover, editor of the Messenger-Gazette, was elected new president of the Revolutionary Memorial Society of New Jersey at a reorganization meeting Tuesday at the Old Dutch Parsonage. He succeeds Dr. Runkle F. Hegeman, also of this borough.

The society dates back well into the 19th Century. Its efforts preserved the Wallace House here, General Washington's headquarters during one Winter of the Revolution, and the Old Dutch Parsonage, built in 1751, first theological seminary in the country. The beginnings of Rutgers University were moved to the Old Dutch Parsonage when the British occupied New Brunswick.

Conover said the society will set up a program that will include providing needed additional period furnishings for both houses and seek to promote new interest.

Both the Wallace house and the Old Dutch Parsonage are now historic sites owned by the state and are under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Conservation and Economic Development.—*(Somerset Messenger-Gazette, Somerville, N. J., Feb. 25, 1965)*

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Conover Historic Home To Be Battleground Headquarters

An appeal by the State Department of Conservation and Economic Development of condemnations commission award for property taken as part of the proposed Monmouth Battle Ground State Park was settled yesterday for $60,000 while in trial before Superior

Court Judge Herbert T. Horn and a jury.

The state agency appealed from a $65,759 award made last November to **Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Conover** for their 20-acre tract which included a 26-room pre-Civil War house located on Englishtown Road in Manalapan Township.

The property which is located approximately ¾ of a mile from the Molly Pitcher Well is being acquired under the state's Green Acres program as part of the proposed 165-acre state park.—*(Newark Evening News, Newark, N. J., March 23, 1965)*

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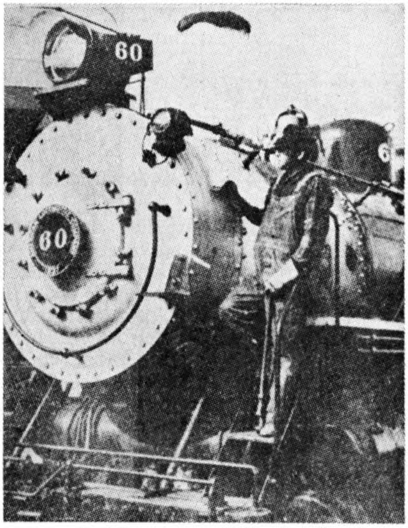
Steam Railroading a Hobby

Just about ready to roll is old Number 60, the big steam locomotive which will pull passengers from Flemington, N. J. to Ringoes and back this summer on the Black River & Western Line. The 2-8-0 locomotive is currently berthed at Ringoes with the rest of the railroad's antique equipment, awaiting official permission from the Interstate Commerce Commission to start running. ICC officials tested Number 60 on Monday, and the test went well, according to railroader **Carl Conover** of Berkeley Heights, N. J., shown here regarding the iron horse after the test with obvious pride. Old 60 was obtained by Carl in Denver, Colorado.

Eventually, the railroaders plan to run all the way to Lambertville and back. That may come next summer, they said.—*(Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington, N. J.)*



Carl Conover on old Number 60

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Top Winner in Yule Contest

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Conover of Mendham Road, Gladstone, N. J., were named the grand prize winners in the West Morris Area Jaycees' first Christmas decorating contest.—*(Newark, N. J. Evening News, Jan 6, 1965)*

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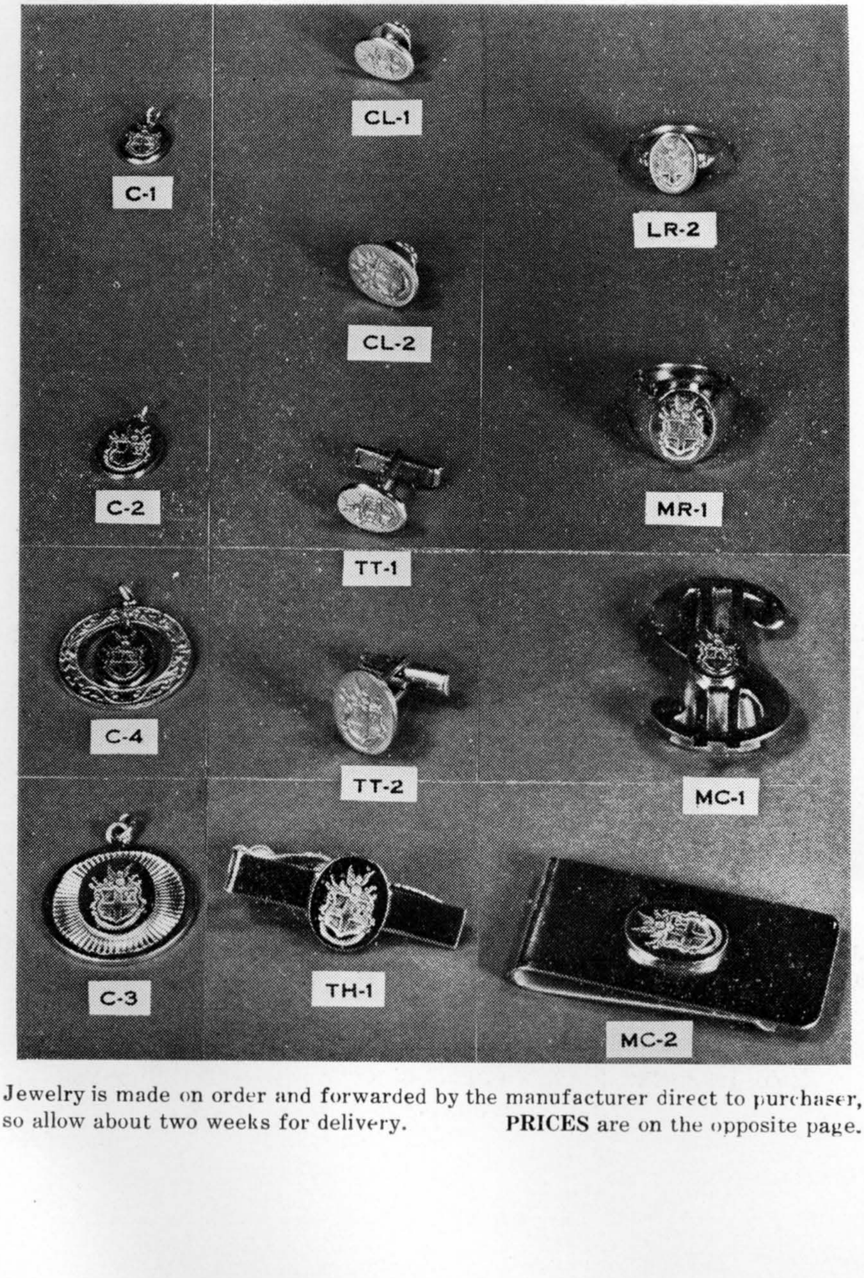
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OF THE

VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

JUNE 25, 1966

The 70th Annual Reunion of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association was held on June 25, 1966, at the First Congregational Church, Chester, New Jersey.

Miss Blake, Treasurer, reported a balance on hand of $1,330.43.

Mrs. Herbert T. Conover reported sales of supplies since the last Reunion amounting to $307.65.

The Genealogist, Mrs. Rundstrom, stated that since June 1965, 27 new members had been accepted, of whom a number were present and were introduced.

The President, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, then turned the chair over to Mr. Stephen A. Conover, who called upon Mr. Thomas S. Roberts for the report of the Nominating Committee which follows:

Trustees for the Class of 1969 —

Walter H. Kitchel
Arthur B. Kouwenhoven
Janice D. Conover
Charles P. Conover
Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, Jr.
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Mrs. R. A. Abrahamson

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President	Arthur B. Kouwenhoven
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Secretary	Miss Janice D. Conover
Genealogist	Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Historian	Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven
Agent for Supplies	Mrs. Herbert T. Conover

On motion the report of the committee was accepted and the Trustees and Officers were declared duly elected.

In recognition of the loyal service of our retiring Treasurer, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

> "The Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association gratefully acknowledges the devotion of its retiring Treasurer, Miss Mida C. Blake. First elected Trustee in June 1947, Miss Blake served actively in several committee assignments prior to election as Treasurer in 1950. In this capacity she has served with distinctive loyalty for the ensuing 16 consecutive years."

The President then presented Miss Blake with an orchid corsage and introduced Mrs. Abrahamson, the newly elected Treasurer.

An award for traveling the furthest was presented to Mrs. Beatrice Conover Peterson of California who, with her husband, had returned from abroad in time to attend the reunion. Awards also were presented to Karen Abrahamson of Absecon, who at 3½ was again the youngest, and to James Conover, 81, of Princeton, who was the oldest.

After luncheon we proceeded by bus to Morristown for a tour of the Ford Mansion and Museum. From there we went on a scenic ride through Jockey Hollow and stopped a few minutes at the Wick house. The group returned to the church at about 4:30 P.M., hot, but content that it had been a day well spent.

JANICE D. CONOVER, Secretary

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Report of the Board of Trustees' Fall Meeting

AT PRINCETON INN, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OCTOBER 8, 1966

The regular Fall meeting of the Trustees was attended by 18 Trustees and 10 guests. Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, President, presided and Janice D. Conover, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

The minutes of the 1966 annual Reunion were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Abrahamson, reported a balance on hand of $916.61.

Fourteen applicants for membership were accepted as associate members with the provision that they automatically become ancestral members, if eligible, upon verification of lineage.

Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies, reported that since the 1966 Reunion, supplies totaling $159.95 had been sold.

Mrs. Dawley reported that a number of gravestones in the Holmdel Cemetery require repair and that the Cemetery Committee will attend to this in the Spring.

Members whose dues are in arrears three years or more will be notified and will be dropped automatically if payment is not received.

Stephen A. Conover was requested to determine the applicability of the New Jersey State Sales Tax to sales of supplies.

Charles P. Conover was appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee to report at the next Annual Reunion.

Three metal card file drawers of Conover genealogical data have been turned over to the Association by Ellsworth D. Conover of New Jersey, and five volumes of genealogical and historical importance have been received from Mr. Franklin Frick of Sioux City, Iowa. On motion, the President appointed a committee comprised of Mr. Kitchel, Mrs. Helen Conover and Mrs. Helen Dawley to discuss with the New Jersey Historical Society arrangements whereby this and similar material might be loaned to the Society and be accessible to us and to other authorized persons.

On motion, it was decided to hold the Annual Reunion on September 16, 1967, at the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, with the American House, Freehold, as the preferred alternate.

JANICE D. CONOVER, Secretary

Report of the Board of Trustees' Spring Meeting

AT PRINCETON INN, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

APRIL 8, 1967

The regular Spring meeting of the Trustees was held at the Princeton Inn. There were 17 Trustees and 8 guests in attendance. Donald V. N. Conover, First Vice President, conducted the meeting and Janice D. Conover, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

The minutes of the Trustees meeting of October 8, 1966, were read and approved.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Abrahamson, reported a balance on hand of $1,033.14.

Six applicants for membership were accepted as Associate members with the proviso that they automatically become Ancestral members, if eligible, on verification of lineage.

Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies, reported that since October 8, 1966, supplies totaling $76.29 had been sold.

Mrs. Helen Dawley, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, advised that gravestones in the Holmdel Cemetery that are in need of repair are to be fixed in May.

Mr. Stephen Conover reported that arrangements had been made with the New Jersey State Tax Authorities so that the Association will be permitted to make semi-annual rather than monthly sales tax reports on supplies sold.

The special committee reported through Mrs. Dawley that the New Jersey Historical Society had agreed to accept genealogical data on a loan basis. It was the concensus that before taking action we also should contact the Rutgers Library in New Brunswick which already has quite a collection of "Conover" papers.

The Conover Mansion in Freehold, believed to have been built during the Revolutionary War, is being restored and will be converted into a museum on the Battle of Monmouth State Park grounds.

The Annual Reunion will be on September 16, 1967, at the American House in Freehold. Dr. Louis Walton Sipley, Secretary and Director of the American Museum of Photography will be the speaker. Plans to hold the Reunion in Atlantic City were abandoned because of conflict with the Shriners' Convention.

Due to increased cost of postage and insurance, it was agreed that a handling charge of fifty cents would be made on supplies shipped by parcel post.

In view of the Princeton Inn assessing a charge of $20.00 for our meeting room, Mr. Stephen Conover agreed to look for another place for the Fall meeting where no fee would be charged.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned.

JANICE D. CONOVER, Secretary

New Members

Accepted at the Trustees' October 8, 1966 meeting —

Edward E. Conover, 28 Hudson Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, N. J.
Alvah P. Ramsey, 4350 Third Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida
Mrs. Alvah P. Ramsey, 4350 Third Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida
Mrs. William G. Van Note, RFD #2, Box 474, Colts Neck, N. J. 07722
Nelson D. Conover, 1601 Boulevard, Westfield, N. J.
Mrs. Florence Reubens, Box 311, Sanborn, N. Y. 14132
Mrs. H. Earl Bauman, 207 Woodland Drive, New Castle, Pa.
Mrs. Roland W. Anderson, Box 713, Rancho Sante Fe, California
Mrs. Katherine S. Young, 321 North Philadelphia Ave., Anaheim, California

Accepted at the April 8, 1967 meeting —

Albert Stanley Knowles, 7501 Democracy Blvd., Apt. B-124,
Bethesda, Maryland 20034
Mrs. George W. Blatchler, Box 61, RFD #1, Freehold, N. J. 07728
Don Wilson Conover Reynolds, 156 North 5th East, Provo, Utah 84601
Michael Evans Conover, Morgan Row, Chiles St., Harrodsburg, Ky. 40330
Marshell F. Conover, 18330 Point Lookout Drive, Houston, Texas 77058
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Cocoa, Florida 32922

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The Conover-Schenck Cemetery

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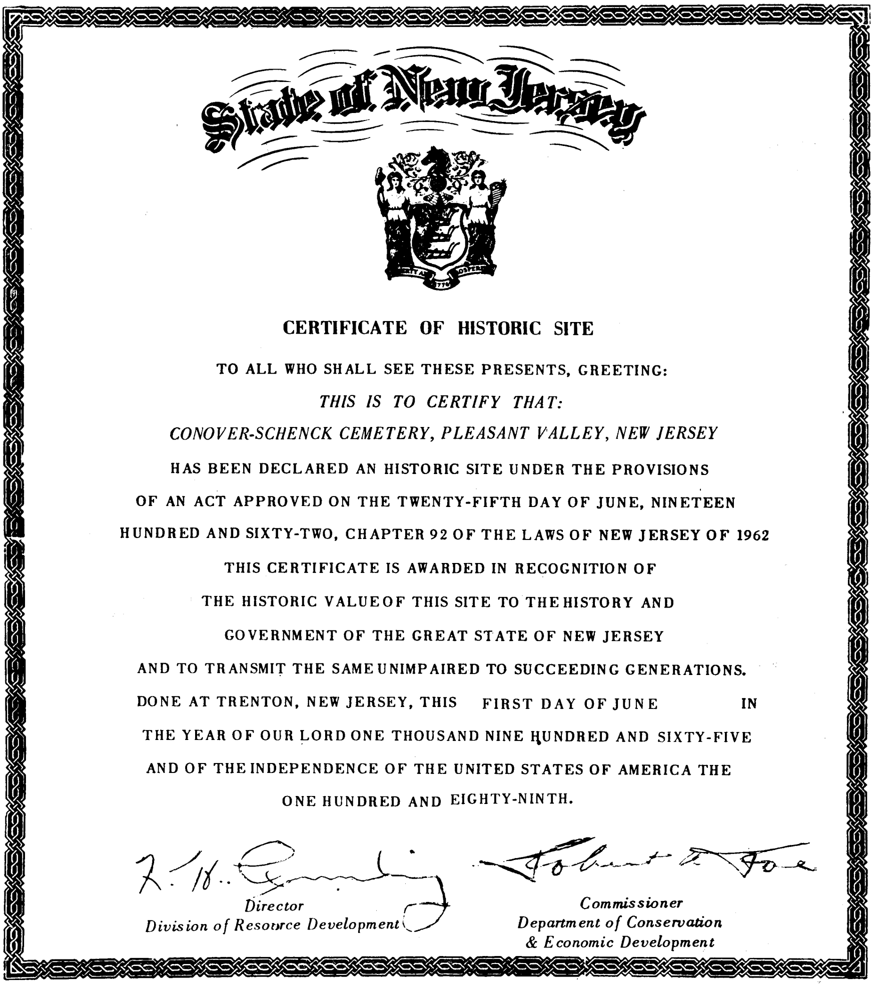


State of New Jersey

CERTIFICATE OF HISTORIC SITE

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

CONOVER-SCHENCK CEMETERY, PLEASANT VALLEY, NEW JERSEY

HAS BEEN DECLARED AN HISTORIC SITE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AN ACT APPROVED ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF JUNE, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-TWO, CHAPTER 92 OF THE LAWS OF NEW JERSEY OF 1962 THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED IN RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORIC VALUE OF THIS SITE TO THE HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT OF THE GREAT STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND TO TRANSMIT THE SAME UNIMPAIRED TO SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS.

DONE AT TRENTON, NEW JERSEY, THIS FIRST DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE AND OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINTH.

Director
Division of Resource Development

Robert A. Roe
Commissioner
Department of Conservation
& Economic Development

REPRODUCTION OF THE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

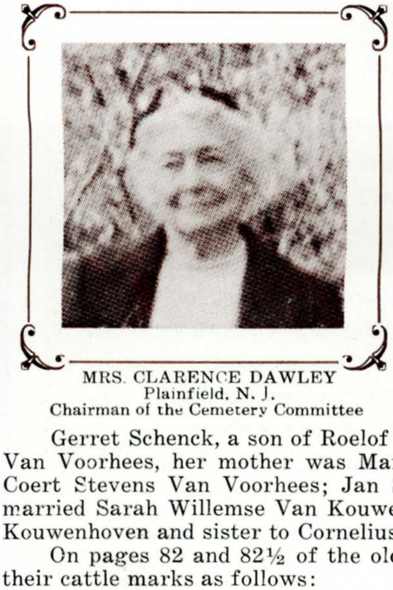
The Conover - Schenck Cemetery

Now a Historic Site

On the rolling slopes of Pleasant Valley in Holmdel lie the roots of the Conover and Schenck families of Monmouth County, New Jersey.

Before 1700, Cornelius W., Albert W. and Jacob W. Couwenhoven, all sons of William Gerretse Van Kouwenhoven and his second wife, Jannetie Peters, a daughter of Peter Monfort, and Garret and Jan Schenck, both sons of Roelof Martense Schenck and his wife, Neeltje Garretse Couwenhoven, all had removed from Kings County, Long Island to Monmouth County, New Jersey.

These families were all related to each other by intermarriages: Cornelius W. Couwenhoven married Margaretta Schenck, a daughter of Roelof Martense Schenck; Albert W. Couwenhoven married Neeltje R. Schenck, a daughter of Roelof Martense Schenck, and settled on land in the Township of Freehold, now Marlboro; and Jacob W. Couwenhoven married Sarah Schenck, a daughter of Roelof Martense Schenck, and settled on the north side of the road through Middletown Village, somewhere between the location of the present Baptist Church and the Hartshorne burying ground.



MRS. CLARENCE DAWLEY
Plainfield, N. J.
Chairman of the Cemetery Committee

MR AND MRS. WILSON CONOVER
Holmdel, N. J.
Hosts to the cemetery workers each time

Gerret Schenck, a son of Roelof Martense Schenck, married Neeltje Coertse Van Voorhees, her mother was Marritje Gerretse Van Kouwenhoven, wife of Coert Stevens Van Voorhees; Jan Schenck, son of Roelof Martense Schenck, married Sarah Willemse Van Kouwenhoven, daughter of William Gerretse Van Kouwenhoven and sister to Cornelius W., Albert W. and Jacob W. Couwenhoven.

On pages 82 and 82½ of the old town book of Middletown is the record of their cattle marks as follows:

"June ye 24, 1696, then Gerret Schenck, Cornelius Couwenhoven and Pieter Wicoff gave their ear marks to be recorded."

"Gerret Schenck, his ear marks, a fork on top of left ear and a piece cut aslope of the upper or foreside of the right ear, making the ear both shorter and narrower. Recorded to his son."

"Cornelius Couwenhoven, his mark is a fork on the right ear and a small cut in on the underside of the left ear. Recorded to his son."

Cornelius W. Couwenhoven and Gerret and Jan Schenck had cleared land and established farms adjoining each other in Pleasant Valley.

Upon the death of Cornelius W. Couwenhoven, or perhaps some time before, a plot of land on the dividing line between the Couwenhoven and Schenck farms was set aside as a family burying ground, Cornelius being the first to be interred there. His monument still stands and is easily deciphered.

The Schenck family also shared in the cemetery and it became known as the Schenck-Couwenhoven Cemetery, but over the years it has become generally known as the Conover-Schenck Cemetery.

An unusual feature of this cemetery is the corner in which the family slaves are buried. Some of the wooden markers, with a name cut in the wood, are still standing.

At a meeting in 1956 of the Trustees of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, Wilson N. Conover of Main Street, Holmdel, told of the deplorable condition of the cemetery, it not having had any maintenance in more than 60 years. At this meeting it was decided to do something about it and Mrs. Clarence Dawley of Plainfield, was appointed to investigate and see what could be done by the Association toward taking care of and if possible to acquire possession of the cemetery.

INSPECTING THE CONDIITON OF THE CEMETERY IN 1958

During the following years much research was done as to the ownership of the cemetery. Picnics were held each year by a few members under the leadership of Mrs. Dawley, those attending meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Conover in Holmdel and then journeying to the cemetery to do some cleaning up of the cemetery .

By 1963, and in the years following, much work had been accomplished in clearing out the underbrush, removing dead trees, repairing and straightening of gravestones, and planting of dogwood trees around the cemetery. Most of this work was done by Wilson Conover and his son-in-law Lloyd Walker, Thomas Roberts, and Charles P. Conover, under the leadership of Mrs. Dawley. In 1964 it had been added to the county tax map.

At a meeting in 1964 it was suggested that if this historic cemetery were to be declared an Historic Site by the State of New Jersey it would assist prevention of inroads of developers and might help to prevent vandalism. The matter was brought to the attention of Commissioner Roe of the Department of Economic Development both personally and in correspondence, by Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom and the President, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, requesting that the cemetery be so designated.

In 1965, the Association received the certificate designating the Conover-Schenck Cemetery an Historic Site of the State of New Jersey.

About 100 persons, ranging in age from infants to the elderly, are buried in the cemetery now. About 50 others who had been buried there were moved to nearby Holmdel Cemetery when it opened many years ago, most of them being of the Schenck families.

The cemetery contains the remains of one Revolutionary soldier, two of the War of 1812, and two of the Civil War.

INSCRIPTIONS TAKEN FROM HEADSTONES IN CONOVER-SCHENCK CEMETERY

Albert Couwenhoven, b. December 6, 1676; d. Sept. 13, 1748, aged 72 y., 9 m., 6 d. Son of William Garretse Couwenhoven and Jannatie Monfort.

Neeltje Schenck, b. Jan. 23, 1861; d. July 27, 1751, aged 70 y., 6 m., 4 d. Wife of **Albert Couwenhoven** and daughter of Roelof Martense Schenck and Annetje Wyckoff.

Neltje Couwenhoven, b. Feb. 7, 1719; d. Apr. 22, 1738, aged 19 y., 2 m., 15 d. Daughter of Albert and Neltje Couwenhoven.

Christopher, b. Feb. 21, 1774; d. Mar. 16, 1775, aged 1 y., 25 d. Son of Cornelius Albertse Couwenhoven and Mary Logan.

John, b. June 1, 1777; d. Apr. 4, 1783, aged 5 yr., 10 m., 3 d. Son of Cornelius Albertse Couwenhoven and Mary Logan.

Cornelius C., b. May 18, 1771; d. Dec. 20, 1814, aged 43 y., 7 m., 2 d. Son of Cornelius Albertse Couwenhoven and Mary Logan.

Elizabeth Covenhoven, b. Mar. 7, 1769; d. Nov. 16, 1837. Wife of Cornelius C. Covenhoven and daughter of Harmen Covenhoven and Phoebe Baylee.

John C., b. Nov. 10, 1799; d. Nov. 26, 1852, aged 54 y., 16 d. Son of Cornelius C. Covenhoven and Elizabeth Covenhoven.

Elizabeth, b. Sept. 11, 1804; d. Jan. 30, 1860, aged 55 y., 4 m., 19 d. Daughter of John A. Vanderbilt and Mary McKildoe, and wife of **John C. Conover.**

Cornelius I., b. Mar. 11, 1826; d. Oct. 1, 1852, aged 27 y., 6 m., 20 d. Son of John C. Conover and Elizabeth Vanderbilt.

Emily, b. Aug. 13, 1830; d. Feb. 14, 1856, aged 25 y., 6 m. Wife of Charles K. Butler, and daughter of John C. Conover and Elizabeth Vanderbilt.

Isabella, d. Aug. 31, 1858, aged 4 y., 5 m., 5 d. Daughter of Charles K. Butler and Emily Conover.

Aaron, b. Nov. 29, 1838; d. Mar. 4, 1840, aged 1 y., 3 m., 5 d. Son of John C. Conover and Elizabeth Vanderbilt.

Eliza, b. Feb. 19, 1824; d. May 9, 1827, aged 3 y., 2 m., 20 d. Daughter of John C. Conover and Elizabeth Vanderbilt.

Mary, b. Feb. 14, 1792; d. Nov. 1, 1801, aged 9 y., 9 m., 18 d. Daughter of Cornelius C. Covenhoven and Elizabeth Covenhoven.

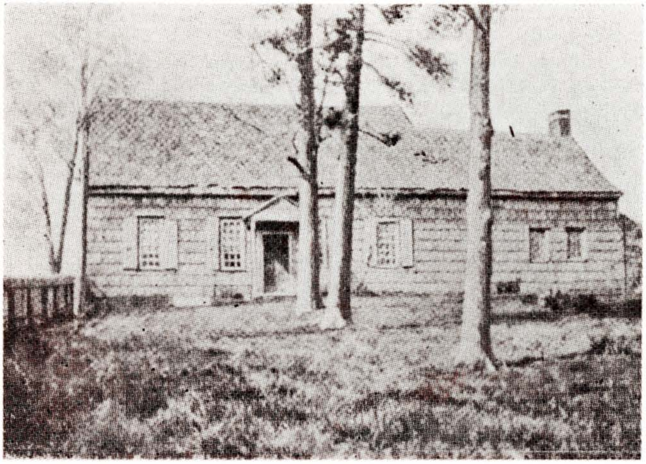
William C., son of Hendrick Covenhoven and Ann Bowne Crawford, b. June 23, 1808; d. Aug. 8, 1817, aged 9 y., 1 m., 25 d.

Dr. William Johnson Conover, son of John I. Conover and Lydia Johnson.

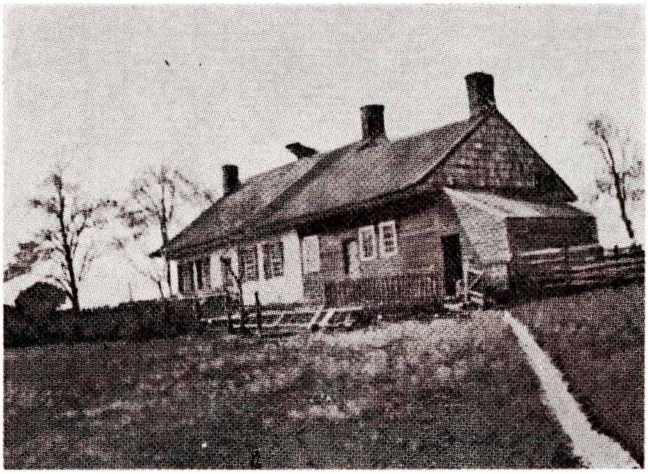
John I., son of Dr. William J. Conover and Catharine S. Conover.

Anna Rebecca, daughter of Dr. William J. Conover and Catharine S. Conover, d. Feb. 20, 1844, aged 2 y., 9 m.

A. S., d. Aug. 11, 1742.



FARM HOUSE OF CORNELIUS COUWENHOVEN
IN PLEASANT VALLEY (Photo about 1900)



FARM HOUSE OF JAN SCHENCK IN PLEASANT VALLEY
(Photo about 1900)

Jacob Covenhoven, b. June 19, 1746; d. Oct. 18, 1825, aged 79 y., 8 m. Son of Garret Jacobse Couwenhoven and Neeltje Rolofse Schenck.

Mary, d. Jan. 29, 1758, aged 1 year. Daughter of Garret Jacobse Covenhoven and Neeltje Rolfese Schenck.

Mary Schenck, b. Mar. 17, 1757; d. Mar. 7, 1818, aged 66 y., 11 m., 20 d. Wife of **Jacob Covenhoven** and daughter of Hendrick Schenck and Catharine Holmes.

Hendrick Covenhoven, d. Sept. 17, 1835, aged 62 y., 5 m., 9 d. Son of Jacob Covenhoven and Mary Schenck.

Ann Bowne Crawford, b. June 25, 1788; d. Feb. 10, 1832, aged 43 y., 7 m., 14 d. Wife of **Hendrick Covenhoven** and daughter of William and Rebecca Patterson Crawford.

Daniel Conover, b. Dec. 20, 1742; d. Feb. 18, 1821, aged 78 y., 1 m., 28 d.

Jacob Conover, b. Nov. 25, 1779; d. Sept. 9, 1846, aged 66 y., 9 m., 14 d.

Ensign Elias Covenhoven, b. Sept. 12, 1700; d. Dec. 25, 1750, aged 49 y., 3 m., 13 d. Son of Peter Couwenhoven and Patience Daws.

Willemsee, b. Mar. 24, 1709; d. Mar. 24, 1759, aged 50 years. Wife of **Ensign Elias Couwenhoven** and daughter of John Wall and Mary Hubbard.

Cornelius R., b. July 29, 1740; d. July 12, 1796, aged 55 y., 11 m., 14 d. Son of **Rulif C. Couwenhoven** and Sarah Voorheese.

Jane, b. Aug. 19, 1740; d. Mar. 26, 1799, aged 58 y., 7 m., 7 d. Wife of **Cornelius R. Covenhoven,** and daughter of Tunis Denise and Francinka Hendrickson.

Teunis, b. Mar. 10, 1761; d. Oct. 30, 1787, aged 26 y., 7 m., 20 d. Son of **Cornelius R. Covenhoven** and Jane Denise.

William C., b. July 20, 1700; d. Nov. 10, 1755, aged 55 y., 3 m., 21 d. Son of **Cornelius Couwenhoven** and Margaratta Schenck.

Jannatie, b. Jan. 26, 1702; d. June 22, 1743, aged 41 y., 4 m., 27 d. First wife of **William C. Couwenhoven** and daughter of Peter Wecof and Willempe Schenck.

Cornelius W., b. Feb. 11, 1746; d. Oct. 10, 1806, aged 60 y., 7 m., 27 d. Son of **William C. Covenhoven** and his second wife, Annetje Hendrickson.

Mary, b. Dec. 6, 1740; d. Jan. 3, 1806, aged 64 y., 27 d. Wife of **Cornelius Covenhoven** and daughter of Hendrick Hendrickson and Neltje Garretse Schenck.

William Hendrick, d. Sept. 26, 1805, aged 22 y., 6 m., 12 d. Only son of **Cornelius Covenhoven** and Mary Hendrickson.

Cornelius, b. Nov. 29, 1671; d. May 16, 1736, aged 64 y., 5 m., 17 d. Son of **William Gerritse Couwenhoven** and Janattie Monfort.

Margaratta, b. Feb. 9, 1678; d. Dec. 6, 1751, aged 73 y., 9 m., 27 d. Wife of **Cornelius Couwenhoven** and daughter of Rolofe Martense Schenck and Annetje Wychof.

Rulif, b. Oct. 5, 1706; d. Aug. 20, 1786, aged 79 y., 10 m., 15 d. Son of **Cornelius Couwenhoven** and Margaratta Schenck.

Sarah, b. Apr. 12, 1710; d. Dec. 12, 1789, aged 79 y., 8 m. Wife of **Rulif Couwenhoven,** and daughter of Cornelius Voorheese and Marytje Ditmars.

Daniel I. Schenck, b. Dec. 26, 1778; d. Oct. 23, 1858, aged 79 y., 9 m., 29 d. Son of Capt. John Schenck and Mary Denise.

Elleanor Schenck, b. Jan. 16, 1783; d. July 15, 1858, aged 75 y., 5 m., 29 d. Wife of Daniel I. Schenck and daughter of Gerret G. Schenck and **Sarah Covenhoven.**

Col. John Schenck, d. June 19, 1864, aged 80 y., 11 m., 23 d. Son of Capt. John Schenck and Mary Denise.

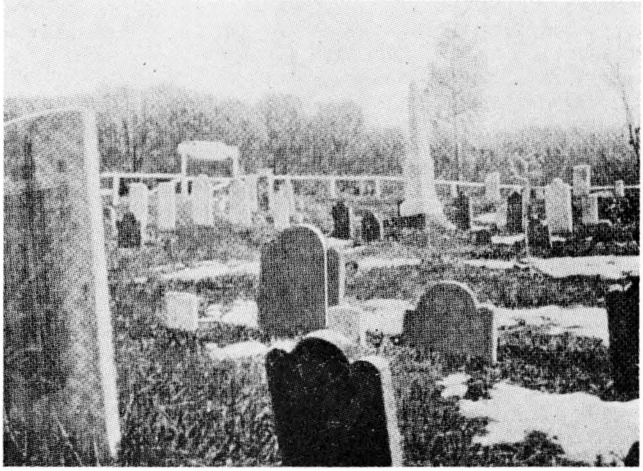
Micha VanNuyse, d. Oct. 1825, aged 48 y. Wife of Col. John Schenck.

Elleanor Schenck, d. 1823, aged 21 y. Wife of Asher Carlile and daughter of Col. John Schenck and Micha VanNuyse.

Infant son of Elleanor Schenck and Asher Carlile, d. 1823.

Garret, son of Col. John Schenck and Micha VanNuyse, aged 3 years.

Anne Maria, daughter of Col. John Schenck and Micha VanNuyse, aged 1 y., 11 m.



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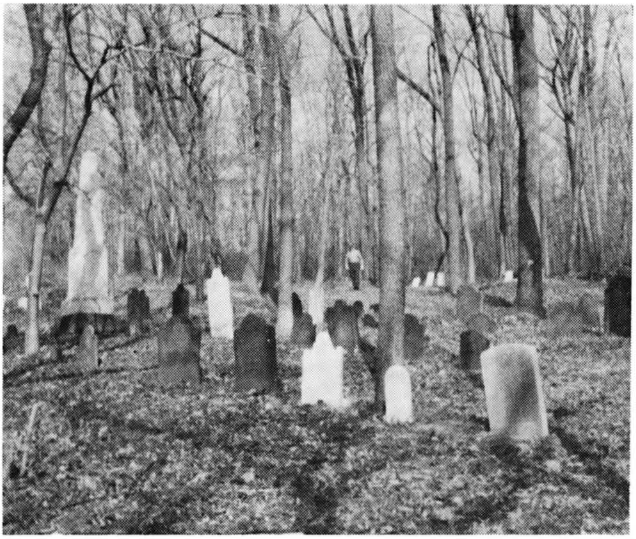

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Anna, daughter of Col. John Schenck and Micha VanNuyse, aged 2 years.

Jacob Smock, d. Sept. 11, aged 30 y., 8 m., 24 d.

William I. Schenck, d. Aug. 12, 1860, aged 55 y., 5 m.

William I. Schanck, d. Aug. 12, 1860, aged 55 y., 8 m.

Denice D., son of David K. and Jane Schenck, aged 10 y., 2 d.

Jane, wife of David K. Schenck, and daughter of Denice Schenck and Margaret Polhemus, d. Apr. 5, 1823, aged 31 y., 3 m., 28 d.

Mary Schenck, d. Feb. 2, 1773, aged 4 m., 21 d. Daughter of Garret G. Schenck, II and **Sarah Covenhoven.**

Garret, minor son of Garret G. Schenck, II and Sarah Covenhoven, d. Jan. 27, 1784, aged 3 y., 4 m., 15 d.

Rulif G. Schenck, b. Apr. 27, 1697; d. Aug. 22, 1768, aged 71 y., 3 m., 25 d. Son of Garret R. Schenck, I and Nelke Voorheese.

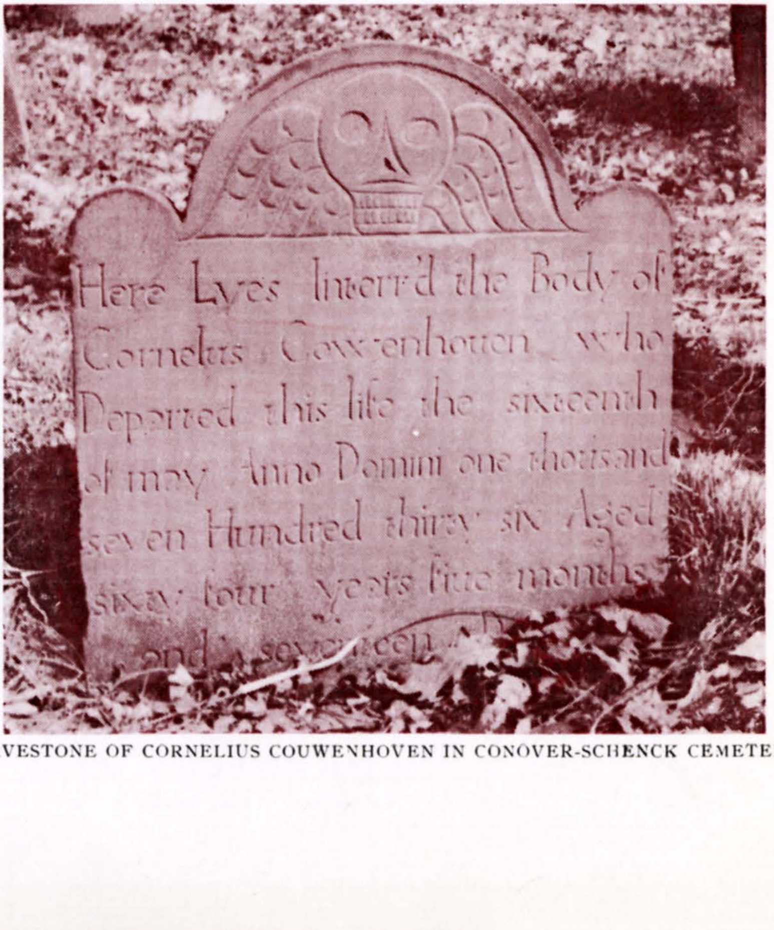
John Schenck, b. Dec. 7, 1717; d. Feb. 18, 1775, aged 57 y., 2 m., 11 d. Son of Garret R. Schenck, I and Nelke Voorheese.

Nelly, daughter of Capt. John Schenck and Mary Denise, d. Sept. 23, 1773.

Garret G. Schenck, II, d. Sept. 29, 1797, aged 53 y., 11 m., 5 d. Son of Garret G. Schenck and **Jannetje Couwenhoven.**

Sarah Couwenhoven, b. July 23, 1744; d. Nov. 16, 1805, aged 61 y., 3 m., 24 d. Wife of Garret G. Schenck, II and daughter of **Rulif C. Couwenhoven** and Sarah Voorheese.

Rulif C. Schenck, b. Feb. 28, 1778; d. Mar. 26, 1815. Son of Garret G. Schenck and **Sarah Covenhoven.**


Here Lyes Interr'd the Body of
Cornelius Cowenhoven who
Departed this life the sixteenth
of may Anno Domini one thousand
seven Hundred thirty six Aged
sixty four years five months
and seventeen

GRAVESTONE OF CORNELIUS COUWENHOVEN IN CONOVER-SCHENCK CEMETERY

Anne Schenck, d. Mar. 25, 1807, aged 42 y., 5 m., 25 d. Daughter of Garret G. Schenck, III and **Sarah Couwenhoven.**

Garret G. Schenck, III, d. Aug. 25, 1779, aged 16 y., 5 m., 30 d. Son of Garret G. Schenck and **Sarah Covenhoven.**

Garret R. Schenck, b. Oct. 27, 1671; d. Sept. 5, 1745, aged 73 y., 10 m., 9 d. Son of Rolof Martense Schenck and **Neeltje Garretse Couwenhoven.**

Neeltje Voorheese, b. Oct. 1, 1675; d. Aug. 4, 1750, aged 74 y., 10 m., 4 d. Wife of Garret R. Schenck and daughter of Koert Voorheese.

Garret G. Schenck, b. Nov. 2, 1712; d. Aug. 20, 1757, aged 44 y., 11 m. Son of Garret R. Schenck and Neeltje Koerten Voorheese.

Janetje Couwenhoven, b. Oct. 6, 1714; d. Feb. 14, 1792. Wife of Garret G. Schenck and daughter of William W. Couwenhoven and Antie Lucasse Voorheese.

Catharine H., b. Mar. 17, 1762; d. June 5, 1816. Daughter of Hendrick Schenck and Catharine Holmes.

Rulif H., b. Apr. 17, 1753; d. Oct. 12, 1800, aged 47 y., 5 m., 5 d. Son of Hendrick Schenck and Catharine Holmes.

Sarah, b. Feb. 13, 1759; d. Apr. 13, 1811, aged 52 y., 2 m. Wife of Rulif H. Schenck and daughter of John Schenck and Neltje Bennet.

Hendrick, b. June 13, 1777; d. Dec. 12, 1812. Son of Rulif H. and Sarah Schenck.

Jacob, b. Sept. 13, 1793; d. Dec. 22, 1859. Son of Rulif H. and Sarah Schenck.

Jonathan, b. July 19, 1761; d. Apr. 4, 1771. Son of Hendrick Schenck and Catharine Holmes.

Rolof, b. Feb. 21, 1692; d. Jan. 19, 1766, aged 73 y., 10 m., 28 d. Son of Jan Schenck and **Sarah Couwenhoven.**

Gesye, b. Oct. 9, 1696; d. Sept. 20, 1747, aged 50 y., 11 m., 11 d. Wife of Rolof Schenck and daughter of Daniel Hendrickson and Catharine VanDyke.

John, b. Jan. 22, 1720; d. June 27, 1749, aged 29 y., 5 m., 5 d. Son of Rolof Schenck and Gesye Hendrickson, daughter of Sheriff Daniel Hendrickson.

Hendrick, b. July 29, 1731; d. Aug. 24, 1766, aged 35 y., 25 d. Son of Rolof Schenck and Gesye Hendrickson.

Catharine, b. May 11, 1731; d. May 12, 1796, aged 63 y., 1 d. Widow of John and Hendrick Schenck, and daughter of Jonathan Holmes and Senniche Hendrickson, daughter of ex-Sheriff Daniel Hendrickson.

Sarah, d., June 30, 1768, aged 13 y., 1 m., 4 d. Daughter of Hendrick Schenck and Catharine Holmes.

Sarah Jane Honce, wife of Henry D. Smock, d. Jan. 7, 1860, aged 24 y., 2 m., 15 d.

Jacob, son of Isaac and Caroline Smock, d. July 18, 1826, aged 2 y., 8 m., 7 d.

Elisha Holmes, d. June 17, 1866, aged 69 y., 11 m., 4 d. Son of Joseph Holmes and Nelly Schenck.

Jane, b. Apr. 29, 1799; d. Sept. 27, 1837, aged 37 y., 4 m., 28 d. Wife of Elisha Holmes and daughter of Peter VanDorn and Jannatie Williamson.

Arintha, b. Nov. 24, 1798; d. Oct. 30, 1854, aged 55 y., 11 m. Second wife of Elisha Holmes and daughter of Schuyler Schenck and **Margaret Covenhoven.**

Mary Jane, daughter of Elisha and Jane Holmes.

Ann Golden, daughter of Elisha and Jane Holmes.

Daniel, son of Elisha and Jane Holmes.

Isaac, son of Elisha and Jane Holmes.

Peter, son of Elisha and Jane Holmes.

Joseph, son of Elisha and Jane Holmes.

John Walter, d. Oct. 11, 1775, aged 45 y., 9 m.

Jane, d. Jan. 6, 1774, aged 22 y., 7 m., 5 d. Wife of John Walter and daughter of Peter Janse Schenck and Janatie Hendrickson.

John, d. Oct. 13, 1837, aged 66 y., 11 m. Son of John Walter and Jane Schenck.

John Schuyler, d. Jan. 4, 1838, aged 5 y., 5 m., 22 d. Son of Charles O. and Sarah E. Walter.

Cornelius, d. Dec. 9, 1789,, aged 3 m., 5 d. Son of Abraham VanHorn and **Anne Covenhoven.**

Samuel Bowne, d. Mar. 11, 1799, aged 77 y. Husband of **Patience (Eliase) Covenhoven.**

Alfred Theodore, d. Oct. 15, 1803, aged 1 y., 9 m., 26 d. Son of Conover and Elizabeth Bowne of New York.

Aarie VanDoorn, d. Dec. 4, 1748, aged 52 y., 8 m. Son of Jacob VanDoorn and Marytje Bennett.

Jacob, d. Sept. 9, 1785, aged 52 y., 9 m., 9 d. Son of Aarie VanDoorn and Antje Jan Schenck.

Elleanor VanDoorn, d. Feb. 11, 1834, aged 91 y., 10 m., 8 d. Widow of Hendrick Smock and Garret Hendrickson and daughter of Aarie VanDoorn and Antje Schenck.

Jacob W. Couwenhoven and his wife, Sarah Schenck, are buried in the Couwenhoven burying ground situated on that part of the Golden farm which lies on the south side of the old highway from Middletown Village to Ogbourn's Corner, called in olden times "Plain Dealing" road. Couwenhoven gravestone inscriptions are:

Jacob Couwenhoven, d. June 4, 1744, aged 66 y., 4 m., 6 d.

Sarah (his wife), d. November 1, 1727, aged 41 y., 9 m., 3 d.

Matthias Couwenhoven (son of above), d. October 22, 1765, aged 40 y., 7 m., 18 d.

Arintha (first wife of Jacob Janse Couwenhoven and daughter of Jacob Jacobse Couwenhoven and Margaret Couwenhoven, his wife), d. May 4, 1780, aged 33 y., 9 m., 23 d.

Eleanor (second wife of above Jacob and daughter of John Smock and Elizabeth Janse Couwenhoven, his wife), d. April 26, 1788, aged 31 y., 5 m., 28 d.

Jane Couwenhoven (first wife of Matthias W. Conover and daughter of Cornelius Roelofse Couwenhoven and Jane Teunise Denise, his wife), d. December 12, 1820, aged 40 y., 9 m., 6 d.

Jacob Couwenhoven (son of Jacob Jacobse Couwenhoven and Margaret Couwenhoven, his wife), d. January 31, 1774, aged 31 y., 3 m., 17 d.

Sarah Sedam (wife of above), d. March 31, 1806, aged 57 y., 4 m., 28 d.

William Couwenhoven (son of above), died March 29, 1778, aged 3 y., 8 m., 2 d.

Matthias W. Conover and his second wife, Anne Schenck, are buried in the yard of the Dutch Church at Middletown Village.

This article compiled by Herbert T. Conover from various sources including Beekman's *Early Dutch Settlers of Monmouth County, N. J.* and *New York Gen. and Bio. Record.*

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SATURDAY, JUNE THE TWENTY-FIFTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CHESTER, NEW JERSEY

— Program —

—— VK ——

REGISTRATION - 10:30 a.m.

BUSINESS MEETING 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, President

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Secretary	Miss Janice D. Conover
Treasurer	Miss Mida C. Blake
Historian	Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven
Agent-for-Supplies	Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
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Genealogist	Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Cemetery Committee	Mrs. Clarence Dawley
Nominating Committee	Thomas S. Roberts

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS (See back page)
Conducted by Mrs. Thomas Roberts
Assisted by Miss Leola Cheney, Mrs. Donald V.N. Conover

REMARKS and GRACE - REV. LEROY N. HASTINGS, JR.
Pastor First Congregational Church, Chester, N. J.

HYMN—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Lead by Mrs. Walter W. Conover

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part.
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

Luncheon - 12:30 p.m.

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TOUR—MORRISTOWN NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK
Including the Ford Mansion and Museum, the site of Washington's military headquarters and the main encampment of the Continental Army during the winters of 1777 and 1779-80.

Buses leave at 2:00 p.m. and will return to the church.

— Memorial Service —

(People standing)

Leader—Mrs. Thomas Roberts
Assisted by Miss Leola Cheney

LEADER: We dedicate these moments to those of our family who have answered God's call.

READING by the Leader

It is with great sorrow that we present the following names of members who have entered the Presence of the King.

LEADER reads the names of deceased members and flower is placed in vase for each one.

COURTNEY CONOVER, Silver Spring, Maryland, died July 3, 1965
IDA MAY CONOVER POULSON, North Plainfield, N. J., died Nov. 29, 1965
CLEMMIE CONOVER WEBB, Pueblo, Colorado, died January 16, 1966
LILLIAN THERESA CONOVER, North Plainfield, N. J., died January 30, 1966
AMELIA WRIGLEY CONOVER, Trenton, N. J., died April 30, 1966

LEADER: May we bow our heads in prayer.

O God, Thou who are infinite, and whose wisdom is far beyond our ability to understand, we thank Thee for Thy guidance and comfort of the spirit of those who so faithfully lived among us and have returned to Thee. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

VOCAL SOLO—"The Lord's Prayer" - . *Albert Hay Malotte*
Mrs. Donald V.N. Conover, Soloist — Donald V. N. Conover, Accompanist

Recent Events in the Family Circle

— *Births* —

Christin Conover, born March 20, 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Conover of 710 South 800 East, Springville, Utah.

Garrett Ernest Conover, born April 11, 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Benton Conover of Line Road, Belle Mead, N. J.

James Tye Conover, born August 24, 1966, to Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Conover of 736 Columbia Drive, Midvale, Utah.

Joel Thomas Conover, born February 17, 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. Brevoort Conover of Belvidere, N. J.

John Charles Abrahamson, born November 15, 1966, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Abrahamson of 110 East Pennsylvania Avenue, Absecon, N. J.

Jeffrey Sagel Alpaugh, born December 30, 1966, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Kenneth Alpaugh of Westfield, N. J.

Mathew Robert Buhn, born August 16, 1966, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott Buhn of 2761 Iowa Street, Napa, Calif.

James Richard Heckendorf, born October 26, 1965, to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Heckendorf, Jr., Box 183, Castle Rock, Colorado.

Andrew Wolfert Pullen, born September 20, 1965, to Mr. and Mrs. Keats A. Pullen, Jr. of Route #1, Kingsville, Maryland.

— *Marriages* —

James Richard Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Conover of 35 Union Street, Dover, N. J., and Bette Lou McDougal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDougal of 26 Hillside Ave., Mine Hill, N. J., were married February 11, 1967 in the First Memorial Presbyterian Church, Dover. The Rev. Dr. Hugh M. Miller officiated.

The bride is a graduate of Dover High School and Paterno's College of Beauty Culture. She is a beautician at Paterno's House of Beauty.

Mr. Conover, a graduate of Dover High School, is a lineman with New Jersey Power and Light Co.

The couple will live at 49 Hudson Street, Dover, N. J.

2nd Lt. Joseph N. Conover, U.S.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Conover of Oak Road, Manasquan, N. J., and Kathleen Patricia McClellan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. McClellan of Argyle Place, Kearny, N. J., were married May 20, 1967 in St. Stephen's Church, Kearny, by the Rev. John A. Tracy.

The bride, a graduate of Seton Hall University, teaches in Schuyler School, Kearny. Lt. Conover was graduated from Northeastern University and before going into the Army was employed by the Worthington Corp., Bala Cynwyd, Pa. He is stationed at Fort Belvoir, and has orders to go to Germany.

Shirley Ann Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt L. Conover of East Brunswick, N. J., and Michael Lealon Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Dennis of 111 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls, N. J., were married May 7, 1966 in St. Bartholomew's Church, East Brunswick.

The groom is now serving in the U. S. Coast Guard at Barnegat Light and the couple will make their home in Manahawkin, N. J.

David Brewster Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Parker of Lincoln, Illinois, and Joan Patricia Agrella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Agrella of Elmwood Park, Illinois, were married December 3, 1966 at

Saint Vincent Ferrer Church, River Forest, Illinois.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Illinois and a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She is secretary to the managing director of Hawthorne Race Course in Chicago.

Mr. Parker graduated from Kent School, Kent, Conn., attended Amherst and Lincoln Colleges, graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University and University of Miami Law School. His fraternities are Chi Psi and Phi Delta Theta. He is a direct descendant of **Robert Crownover**, the Indian scout, and Elder William Brewster of the Mayflower. He is an attorney with the Chicago Title and Trust Company in Chicago.

— *Anniversaries* —

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth V. L. Conover of Bridgepoint Road, Belle Mead, N. J., observed their 20th wedding anniversary, April 12, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Conover, Jr. of New Center Road, New Center, N. J., observed their 25th wedding anniversary, August 16, 1966.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Conover of 95 Vander Veer Avenue, Somerville, N. J., observed their 40th wedding anniversary, September 18, 1966.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Roberts of Roberts Road, New Monmouth, N. J., observed their 40th wedding anniversary, October 9, 1966.

– *Deaths* –

Alfred L. Conover, 84 years of age, of Wickatunk, Marlboro Township, N. J., died December 22, 1966 in Jersey Shore Medical Center (Fitkin Hospital), Neptune, N. J.

He was born in Freehold, son of the late John L. and Louisa F. Conover, and had been employed by the Public Service and Gas Co., Newark, for more than 50 years. He retired in 1954 as senior clerk in the comptroller's office.

He was a member of Northern Lodge 125, F&AM, Newark, and the Radiant Star Lodge 190, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Marcellus Quackenbush and Mrs. Harold Smock, and two brothers, Stacy P. and Harold V. D. Conover, all of Wickatunk. Interment was in Holmdel Cemetery, Holmdel, N. J.

Alletta Yawger Conover, 87 years of age, widow of Charles Conover, died April 15, 1967 in Braeburn Nursing Home, Waban, Mass.

Mrs. Conover was born in the Allerton area of Clinton Township, a daughter of the late Joseph and Josephine Schaffer Yawger, but spent most of her life in Somerville, N. J. Her husband died in 1944 and she moved to Massachusetts in 1956.

Mrs. Conover was a member of Somerville Methodist Church for more than 50 years.

Surviving are a son, C. Kenneth of Newtonville, Mass.; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Mt. Peace Cemetery, Allerton, N. J.

Anna B. Conover, 78 years of age, of 10 Woodland Ave., Pleasantville, N. J., died December 21, 1966 in a local nursing home.

Born in Nova Scotia, she had been a resident here for 50 years. She was a member of Charles Mann Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

She is survived by a son, George Conover of Northfield, N. J., a grandson and eight great-grandchildren. Interment was in Leeds Point Presbyterian Cemetery, Leeds Point, N. J.

Anna Carver Conover of 122 Bullman St., Phillipsburg, N. J., died April 25, 1967 in Warren Hospital.

She was the widow of the late Lester Conover, and is survived by two sons, William B. of Ambridge, Pa. and Dale R. Conover.

Anna H. Conover, 84 years of age, widow of Barzilla Conover. died May 5, 1966 at her home, 61 Main Street, Lebanon, N. J.

A native of Potterstown, N. J., and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Stryker, she had lived all her life in this area, and was a member of

Lebanon Methodist Church and its WSCS.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Mary Mills of Somerville, N. J.; two brothers, John C. Stryker of Santa Susana, Calif., and Ellis R. Stryker of Somerville, and three grandsons.

Interment was in the cemetery adjoining the Lebanon Methodist Church.

Earl D. Conover, 60 years of age, of Reading Avenue, Tuckahoe, N. J., died April 21, 1967 in Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg, N. J.

Born in Cape May County, Mr. Conover lived here and in Glen Gardner, N. J., for several years where he was a senior food server at the Glen Gardner Sanitorium. He was a member of Moose Lodge 512 of Washington, N. J.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; a son, Earl W. of Cape May Court House; a sister, Mrs. Hazel Laughlin of Ocean View, N. J., and three grandchildren.

Interment was in South Dennis Cemetery, South Dennis, N. J.

Edna R. Conover, daughter of Lillian Reynolds Conover and the late Joseph S. Conover, died October 20, 1966, at 21½ Brookside Ave., Caldwell, N. J.

Surviving besides her mother are two brothers, Joseph S. Conover, Jr. of Sparta, N. J., and Richard L. Conover of Pinehurst, N. C. Interment was in Restland Memorial Park.

Ella Mae Conover, 90 years of age, died December 7, 1965 at the Union Forge Nursing Home, Lebanon, N. J. Born in High Bridge, N. J., a daughter of the late Nicholas and Ellen Hoffman Conover, she was a nurse in the Plainfield, N. J. area from 1900 until her retirement last October.

An 1899 graduate of the Mercer Hospital Nurses Training School in Trenton, Miss Conover worked at the original Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield until 1903. She had been a private duty nurse since then, with the exception of Army nursing during World War I.

The first to join the Plainfield Nurses Registry in 1902, Miss Conover was honored by 44 members of the Registry at a retirement party last year.

Geraldine Conover Gardner, 50 years of age, of Fairview Ave., High Bridge, N. J., died June 22, 1966 in Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg, N. J.

Born in High Bridge, she was a daughter of the late **Jacob and Lena Conover.** She had lived in High Bridge all her life.

Mrs. Gardner was the widow of Donald S. Gardner, who died in February this year. She was a member of High Bridge Methodist Church and its WSCS, and also Hobart Chapter, OES, High Bridge.

Survivors are a son, Ronald Gardner of Highland Park, N. J.; a daughter, Mrs. Jo Ann McFarlan of North Plainfield, N. J., and a brother, Harold (Ducky) Conover of High Bridge and New Castle, Del.

Interment was in Lower Presbyterian Cemetery, Califon, N. J.

Harmanis H. (Hiram) Conover, 89 years of age, of 153 Walnut Street, Bridgeton, N. J., a retired automobile agency employe, died December 5, 1966 in Bridgeton Hospital.

A native of this community, Mr. Conover had lived on Walnut Street for 61 years. He retired several years ago after having been employed by Elmer D. Mulford, Inc. and Jack Campbell, automobile firms. He was a member of the local Moose lodge.

His only immediate survivor is his wife, Edna T. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Clayton, N. J.

Harold E. Conover, 75 years of age, of Edinburg, N. J., died December 22, 1966, in Princeton Hospital. A retired special police officer at Princeton University, he lived most of his life in Edinburg. He was a member of the Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Estelle A. Conover; two daughters, Mrs. Harold Tindall of Edinburg and Mrs. Charles Cullen of Clarksville; two sons, Kenneth H. of Edinburg and Clarence G. of Richmond, Virginia; 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Interment was in Dutch Neck Cemetery.

Harold Nelson Conover, 55 years of age, of 149 S.E. Peckham Street, Port Charlotte, Florida, died February 23, 1967. He was a retired engineer from the New York Telephone Co.

Mr. Conover was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., son of James Conover now residing in Clearwater, Florida. He and his family lived in Suffern, N. Y. for over 22 years before retiring to live in Florida. He was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; a son, Harold Nelson Conover, Jr. of Seattle, Washington; a daughter, Virginia Jean Fitzpatrick of Monsey, N. Y., and five grandchildren.

Helen A. Conover, 70 years of age, formerly of Pleasantville, N. J., died April 3, 1967 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Surviving are her husband, Earl Conover; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Price of Newark, Delaware, and Mrs. Madeline Cornew of Linwood, N. J.; a son, Carl, also of Linwood; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Absecon Methodist Cemetery, Absecon, N. J.

Helen E. Conover, 57 years of age, of 1515 Allen Avenue, Wanamassa, N. J., died May 4, 1967 in the Jersey Shore Medical Center, Neptune, N. J.

She was born in Paterson, N. J. and had lived in the shore area for the past 35 years. She was a member of the First Methodist Church of Asbury Park and its Phileathea Club: charter member of the Jersey Shore Women's Club, Ocean Township, and of the New Jersey Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America; and a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Surviving are her husband, William Reid Conover; one son, W. Ross Conover of Allenhurst, N. J.; two daughters, Mrs. William N. Priest of Twentynine Palms, Calif., and Mrs. Donald J. Sampietro of Clifton, N. J.; one sister, Mrs. Joseph Vilaro of Neptune Township, and five grandchildren.

Interment was in Old Tennent Cemetery, Tennent, N. J.

Henry L. Conover, 67 years of age, of Montrose Road, Colts Neck Township, died May 22, 1966 at the Ivy Nursing Home in Middletown Township, Monmouth County, N. J.

Born in Wickatunk, Marlboro Township, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Conover. He was a veteran of World War II and a produce baker.

Surviving is one sister, Mrs. Walter B. Cherry. Interment was in Brick Church Cemetery, Marlboro Township.

Henry M. Conover, 84 years of age, of Amwell Road, Hopewell, N. J., died May 9, 1967.

A retired farmer, Mr. Conover lived in Hopewell for 61 years. He was a member of Mercer Grange No. 77 and was honored for 50-year membership last year.

Survivors include a son, Henry, with whom he lived, and three grandchildren. Interment was in Highland Cemetery.

Idabel M. Conover Blackford, 76 years of age, of 59 Rockview Avenue, North Plainfield, N. J., died February 28, 1967 in Birchwood Convalescent Center, Edison, N. J.

She was a daughter of David R. and Ida Philpott Conover, and the widow of Harold W. Blackford, who died on February 18, 1965.

Mrs. Blackford was a member of the Plainfield and North Plainfield Chapter of the American Red Cross; past president of the Plainfield Shut-In Council; member of Church of the Holy Cross and its Altar Guild, Women's Guild and Couples Club; member of Brightside Circle of the King's Daughters; Gamma Nu Sorority of Grant Avenue Presbyterian Church; Monday Afternoon Club; Plainfield Art Association; Historical Society; the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association; Plainfield Business and Professional Woman's Club; Lydia Chapter 41, Order of the Eastern Star; Arbor Vitae Court 40, Order of the Amaranth; Elizabeth Shrine 14, White Shrine of Jerusalem, and Trinity Community Auxiliary.

Surviving are a son, Winfield D. Blackford of Metuchen, N. J.; two sisters, Miss Mabel M. Conover of 124 Westervelt Ave., North Plainfield, and Mrs. Mildred Wilson of East Brunswick, N. J.; two grandchildren and two nieces.

Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J.

John R. Conover, Sr., M.D., 75 years of age, of 751 Marjon Ave., Dunedin, Florida, died November 28, 1966. He is survived by his widow.

He was born in Millville, N. J. on March 8, 1891, and was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Interment was in Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park, Pinellas County, Fla.

L. Earl Conover, 64 years of age, died September 16, 1966 in a Reno hospital. Born September 8, 1902 in Utah, he had been a resident of Reno, Nevada for 39 years and lived at 410½ Wonder Street.

He is survived by his widow, Grace M.; two sons, Louis Conover and Earl Estes, both of California; a daughter, Mrs. Colleen Rabinchek of Black Springs; three brothers, Bert, Richard and Donald Conover, all of Utah; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Interment was in Mountain Cemetery.

He was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Marguerite Handaman Conover, 56 years of age, wife of Lester W. Conover of 21 West Wilson Ave., Maple Shade, N. J., died January 23, 1967 in the Burlington County Memorial Hospital, Mount Holly, N. J.

"Marge", as she was known to numerous newspaper editors and reporters, was a native of Altoona, Pa., and had been news editor of the Maple Shade Progress. She was correspondent for the Philadelphia Inquirer and other newspapers.

She entered the newspaper business as a staff member of the Moorestown News-Chronicle. A charter member of the Burlington County Press Association, Mrs. Conover served from 1962 through 1965 as secretary-treasurer, and as secretary the last two years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Richard L.; two daughters, Mrs. Jean Brown and Mrs. Gail Smith, and two grandchildren.

Mary Conover, 57 years of age, of Glen Gardner, N. J., widow of the late Earl Conover, died December 23, 1966. Interment was in Head of the River Cemetery, Tuckahoe, N. J.

Mattie R. Conover Voorhees, 76 years of age, wife of Frank Voorhees of 18 Cokesbury Road, Lebanon, N. J., died at her home on May 29, 1966.

Born in Fairmount, N. J., she was a daughter of the late Elias and Annie Jacquish Conover. She lived in Lebanon for more than 60 years and was a member of the Lebanon Reformed Church and the WGCS.

Survivors include three sons, Elias E. of Pattenburg, N. J.; Kenneth R. of Endicott, N. Y., and Alvah C. of Maplewood, N. J.; four sisters, Mrs. Ethel Burd of Far Hills, N. J.; Mrs. Nellie Blazure of Pottersville, N. J.; Mrs. May Philhower and Mrs. Myrtle Lucas, both of Fairmount, N. J., and four grandchildren.

Interment was in the cemetery adjoining Lebanon Reformed Church.

Milton Conover, Sr., 72 years of age, died at a local nursing home October 15, 1966. Born in Atlantic City, he lived at 535 North New Jersey Avenue. He was a member of Local 198, International Firefighters Association.

Survivors include his wife, Anna; one daughter, Royce Stout Jrl of Brigantine, and one son, Milton, Jr. of Hialeah, Florida. Interment was in Pleasantville Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. J.

Naomi Conover Wilson, 84 years of age, widow of Robert Wilson of Academy Street, Flemington, N. J., died February 11, 1967 in Grandview Rest Home, near Baptistown.

Born in Hunterdon County, she was a daughter of the late William and Harriett Williamson Conover. Her husband died in 1949.

She was a member of the Flemington Baptist Church.

Surviving are a brother, George Conover of Ringoes, N. J., and several nieces and nephews. Interment was in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Flemington.

Nell Beach Conover, 82 years of age, of New Canaan, Conn., widow of Henry Conover and formerly of Nutley, N. J., died September 22, 1966 at Norwalk (Conn.) Hospital.

Mrs. Conover was born in Newark, N. J. She had lived in Nutley for 40 years before moving to Florida in 1960, and then to New Canaan in 1965.

She was a past president of the Nutley Women's Club and a member of Court Gratia 751, CDA, in Nutley.

She leaves a son, Harry of New Canaan; a sister, Mrs. Ann Ritter of Clifton, N. J.; three grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Interment was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Retta E. Conover, 58 years of age, of Crestview Avenue, Absecon, N. J., died April 5, 1967 in Atlantic City Hospital.

Mrs. Conover was born in Philadelphia, Pa. and had lived most of her life in the area. She was a member of the WSCS, its service class, a church 4-H leader and a Church School teacher.

Surviving are her husband, Clarence Conover; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Toledo of Absecon and Miss Sharon Conover, at home, and two grandchildren.

Interment was in Port Republic Cemetery, Port Republic, N. J.

Roger Vosseler Conover, 55 years of age, of 15 Jackson Ave., North Plainfield, N. J., died May 14, 1967 in Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield.

A native and lifelong resident of North Plainfield, Mr. Conover was a retired self-employed artist. He was well known as a semi-professional baseball player years ago.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Georgiana Van Arsdale Conover of 15 Jackson Ave.; a son, Roger G. of the same address; three daughters, Mrs. Henry Stockhoff of 1409 Clinton Ave., South Plainfield, Miss Gail J. and Miss Mary Ellen Conover, both of 29 West Spring St., Somerville, N. J.; two brothers, Walter M. of Mt. Horeb Road, Warren, and Robert D. of Metuchen, N. J.; four sisters, Mrs. M. C. Van Derbeek of 15 Jackson Ave., Mrs. J. K. Vreeland of 78 Farragut Place, Mrs. E. C. Dennick, Jr. of 686 Denninger Road, and Mrs. Helyn Hook of 15 Jackson Ave., all of North Plainfield, and one granddaughter.

Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J.

William Conover, 65 years of age, died June 24, 1966 at his home, 301 East 66th Street, New York City. He was former president of the Gray Manufacturing Company, makers of dictating and other equipment.

Mr. Conover was with the Office of Production Management in World War II and helped develop its training-within-industry program.

He was born in Sully, Iowa, graduated from the University of Iowa in 1929 and joined the United States Steel Corporation in 1936. After World War II he became vice president of Hagan Industries, Inc., an incinerator manufacturer. He joined Gray in 1960 and retired in 1964.

Surviving are his widow, the former Ann Hoff, and a brother, Chase L. Conover of Seattle, Wash.

Beatrice London Huff, 77 years of age, wife of Edwin W. Huff, Sr. of River Edge Farm, Neshanic, N. J., died June 27, 1966 at her home.

She studied teaching at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, and began her career as a teacher in a one-room school in South Branch, which has recently been restored as a historic shrine. When she retired several years ago she had been teaching at Watchung School in Middlesex.

Mrs. Huff was a member of the Neshanic Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School. She also belonged to the Middlebrook Chapter, DAR of Bound Brook, N. J.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, Edwin W. Huff, Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. Everett Mussinan; two grandchildren. and a sister, Mrs. Thomas Boyle of Jim Thorpe, Pa. Interment was in Neshanic Cemetery.

Frank C. Swarer, 66 years of age, a retired farmer of Reaville, N. J., died May 26, 1967 in Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J.

Born in Reaville, he was a son of the late John and **Elizabeth Conover Swarer.** He lived all his life there and was a member of the Reaville Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Swarer was single. Those surviving him are two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Wilcox of Reaville, Mrs. Edward Kruezer of Lake Hopatcong, N. J., and one brother, Theodore Swarer of Scotch Plains, N. J.

Interment was in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Flemington, N. J.

Howard W. Roberts, 79 years of age, died October 8, 1966 in Monmouth Medical Center.

Born in New Monmouth, N. J., he was the son of the late William S. and **Marianna Conover Roberts.** He was the husband of the late Carrie Pentermann Roberts.

Until his illness, he was senior partner in the law firm of Roberts, Pillsbury and Carton, Atlantic Highlands and Middletown, and for half a century one of the political leaders in county government. His political career began in 1913 when he was elected township clerk in Middletown. He was re-elected to successive terms until 1926 when he acquired tenure.

Mr. Roberts was chairman of the Middletown Republican County Executive Committee for 50 years. Because of his illness, which started early in 1964, he stepped down from the post and was named honorary chairman later that year.

He held various appointive posts in county government, serving for two years as secretary of the county tax board and 16 years as county auditor. From 1936 until July, 1964, he served as county counsel when his illness forced his retirement from the post.

His legal career started in 1909 when he was admitted to the bar after studying law in the office of the late Charles R. Snyder. He joined Mr. Snyder's firm as a stenographer after graduation from Atlantic Highlands High School in 1904. He was class Valedictorian.

In 1913, he became a counsellor-at-law and in 1919 the law partnership of Snyder and Roberts was formed. After Mr. Snyder's death in 1935, John M. Pillsbury joined the firm and the new partnership of Roberts and Pillsbury was formed. In 1945, Lawrence A. Carton, Jr. became a partner. The firm maintained offices in Middletown and Atlantic Highlands until 1964 when a new firm was formed.

Mr. Roberts' activities were not confined to law and politics. For 13 years he headed the Middletown-Bayshore district of the Monmouth Council Boy Scouts. He also served as clerk of the New Monmouth Baptist Church for 54 years.

He was an honorary director of the Monmouth County National Bank and a member of the Board of Directors of the Keansburg-Middletown National Bank and the Marine View and Sun Savings and Loan Associations.

He was an honorary and charter member of the Middletown Lions Club, holder of the Silver Beaver Award of Boy Scouting. A member of the County, State and American Bar Association, and of the Van-Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Surviving are a son, Frederick W. Roberts of Southport, Conn.; a daughter, Mrs. M. Earle McCullough of Westfield, N. J.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Wilbur C. and Thomas S. Roberts, both of New Monmouth, N. J. Interment was in Fair View Cemetery.

Inez E. Thornton, 55 years of age, of Reaville, N. J., died November 3, 1966 at Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J.

A lifelong resident of Reaville, she was born in the home she lived in until her death. She was a daughter of the late John and **Elizabeth Conover Swarer.**

Mrs. Thornton was a member of the Reaville Presbyterian Church and its Ladies' Aid Society.

Surviving are her husband, Edward Thornton; two sons, Terry W., a student at the University of Virginia and Craig E., a student at Western Maryland; two sisters, Mrs. Esther Kreuzer of Lake Hopatcong, N. J., and Mrs. Bertha Wilcox of Reaville; two brothers, Theodore Swarer of Scotch Plains, N. J. and Frank Swarer of Reaville. Interment was in Newell Cemetery, Stanton, N. J.

Laura B. Townsend, 89 years of age, of 232 Claremont Ave., Montclair, N. J., died July 23, 1966. She was the wife of the late Joseph B. Townsend.

She was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Leroy V. Smith, 66 years of age, of Miramar, West Hollywood, Florida, died January 22, 1967. A resident of New Jersey all his life, until his retirement from the Sun Oil Co., Atlantic City area, he moved to Florida in August of 1962.

Surviving are his widow, E. Gladys, now of Pleasantville, N. J.; a son, E.

Vernon Smith of Opa Locka, Florida, and two grandchildren.

Interment was in Pleasantville Cemetery in Pleasantville, N. J.

Lewis C. Apgar, 79 years of age, of Tulin Terrace, Raritan Township, died May 14, 1967 in Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J.

Born in Cokesbury, N. J., he was a son of Howard E. and **Bertha Conover Apgar**. He lived in the Clinton area many years and had resided in Raritan Township for the past four years.

Mr. Apgar was a bus driver for Royal Blue Coach Co., Clinton, for 20 years until his retirement in 1953.

Surviving are his widow, Almeta Cregar Apgar at home; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Thorne of rural Annandale, N. J., and Miss Ruth Apgar at home; a son, Harry of Bedford, Pa.; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren. Another son, Stanley Apgar, formerly of Elizabeth, N. J., died in 1963.

Interment was in Union Cemetery, Lebanon, N. J.

Robert T. Slater, 59 years of age, of Fairmount Road, Fairmount, N. J., died October 15, 1966 in Somerset Hospital, Somerville, N. J.

Born in Sunbury, Pa., a son of the late Howard and Bertha Slater, he had lived in Hackettstown, N. J. before moving to the Fairmount area 25 years ago. His mother had been a long-time member and past treasurer of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Florence Waldron Slater; a daughter, Mrs. Patricia Mikus of LaGrangeville, N.Y., and a brother, Franklin of Lake Mohawk, N. J. Interment was in Hackettstown Cemetery.

Sara Elizabeth English of Summit, N. J., died July 15, 1966, a daughter of Nicholas Conover and Eleanor Morse English.

Zarel C. Spears, 80 years of age, an author and director and manager of the Ruth Wyeth Spears Newspaper Syndicate, died May 3, 1967 in Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco, N. Y. His home was on Winding Lane, Bedford Hills, N. Y.

He was a son of William E. and Susie M. (Hostetter) Spears, and was born August 17, 1886, at Richmond, Kansas. He left Richmond in 1907 and had lived in Bedford Hills for more than 50 years.

He married Ruth Wyeth, February 5, 1914, in Kansas City, Mo. He attended Ottawa University and was graduated from the Lebanon, Tenn., Law School. He was admitted to the bar in 1912 in Missouri.

Mr. Spears collaborated with Robert S. Barton in writing, *"Berry and Lincoln, Frontier Merchants."* With his wife, he owned and managed a syndicated column, Workshop Patterns, for over 40 years.

Surviving are his wife; one sister, Miss Lucretia Spears of Memphis, Tenn.; one brother, George H. Spears of 504 S. Locust; one niece, and four nephews.

Interment was in Highland Cemetery, Ottawa, Kansas.

He was a member of the American Philatelic Society and the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

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Honored with a Gold Token

George C. Conover of 83 Fairview Avenue, High Bridge, N. J., received a gold membership token in Hobart Lodge, F. & A. M., May 12, 1966 in High Bridge Masonic Lodge Hall to mark his 50 years of membership.

The award was presented by Lewis E. Rupell, district deputy grand master of the 14th Masonic District. Richard Hoffman, Lodge master, also participated in the presentation program.

Mr. Conover is a long-time member of other Masonic organizations. He is a member and former grand tall cedar of Hunterdon Forest 3, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; a member of the Consistory and of Crescent Temple Shrine in Trenton, N. J.

Conover, a lifelong resident, is borough clerk and a former municipal tax collector and treasurer. He operates an insurance business. — *(Hunterdon County Democrat, May 12, 1966)*

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Gets the Post of Comptroller

Mauricetown — **Robert J. Conover,** a Vineland financial expert with a long background in accounting, has been appointed comptroller of Jesse S. Morie & Son, Inc., here, it was announced by Jesse T. Morie, Sr., president.

The company is one of the leaders in the Millville area in mining and shipping of industrial sand and gravel for foundries and metal producing plants.

In appointing Conover, Morie indicated that the rapid expansion of the company's interests in the eastern half of the United States and Canada has placed a new importance on the financial aspects of the firm's operations.

Conover, a native of Salem, attended the University of Delaware and served as an officer in the Navy. He was associated with the accounting firm of Bradway, Capaldi and Schalick, Inc. at the time of his appointment. He is married; has two sons; and resides at 2 Steven Drive, Vineland, N. J. — *(Atlantic City, N. J. Press, May 17, 1966)*

Receives BA Degree

A Bachelor of Arts degree from Drew University, Madison, N. J., was awarded to **Carol Lee Conover,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Conover of 411 First Street, Northville, N. Y. at the 1966 commencement exercises at the college.

Miss Conover's major field of study was Botany. Her activities and honors at the college included being dormitory secretary; vice president of Beta, Beta, Beta, biological sciences fraternity; membership in Green Key Service Society; Rose Memorial Honors Scholarship; Botany Academic Assistant, Sigma Phi Academic Honor Society, cum laude, and Woods Hole Scholarship.

Miss Conover plans to do graduate work at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., to obtain a Master of Library Service degree, after which she plans to work in Europe. She was graduated from Northville High School in 1962.

— VK —

Graduates with BS Degree

Lyman H. Conover, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Conover, Sr., Arneys Mount Road, Pemberton. N. J., was graduated on June 1, 1966 from Rutgers University with a BS in Dairy Science. He has accepted a position with RCA and is now residing in Piscataway, N. J.

— VK —

Gets Her Degree in Art

Rosalind C. DeCicco, daughter of Mrs. Doris DeCicco of 178 East Wyoming Ave., Absecon, N. J. and the late Neil DeCicco, was graduated Saturday from Moore College of Art, Philadelphia, Pa., with a bachelor of science in art education. Miss DeCicco intends to teach elementary art in Marlton in September.—*(Mainland Journal, June 18, 1966, Pleasantville, N. J.)*

— VK —

Named to a Top-Level Post

Princeton University has announced the appointment of **Miss Margaretta**

R. Cowenhoven as an assistant secretary of the university.

Miss Cowenhoven, a long-time resident of Princeton, joined the university administrative staff in 1954 as assistant to Alexander Leitch, former secretary of the university. A graduate of Wellesley College, Miss Cowenhoven was formerly employed by the Institute of Public Opinion and directed the Social Service Exchange, Trenton.

In 1943, she joined the U. S. Navy and served in the Supply Corps at the Philadelphia Navy Yard where at the time of her discharge in 1946 she was officer in charge of the Purchasing Division with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. After the war, Miss Cowenhoven served as secretary of the United Horticultural Council and spent five years as an executive secretary at Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, N. J.

As assistant secretary, Miss Cowenhoven will continue to have primary responsibility for editing official register publications which include the university's three annual catalogues. In addition, she will assist Dr. Jeremiah S. Finch, newly appointed secretary succeeding Mr. Leitch.

Miss Cowenhoven is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Cowenhoven, Jr. of Lafavette Road, Princeton. — *(Princeton Packet, August 10, 1966, Princeton, N. J.)*

— VK —

Transferred to the West Coast

John W. Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Conover of Vander Veer Avenue, has been moved by IBM from New York State to a post as systems engineer in Los Angeles, Calif. He is a graduate of SHS and Brown University and a former lieutenant in the Navy.—*(Somerset Messenger-Gazette, Sept. 27, 1966, Somerville, N. J.)*

— VK —

Upgrades the Assyrians

Philadelphia — An ancient Assyrian temple in northern Iraq, dating from 1800 B.C., has been uncovered to reveal columns decorated like palm trees, some 40 texts containing commercial transactions of the time, and a cache of wild animal bones hidden away inside a pyramid.

Details of the temple help to confirm the theory that the site of Tell al-Rimah was a religious center in the second millenium B.C.

It also indicates that the Assyrians were considerably more sophisticated than historians have believed, said **Dr. David Crownover**, a member of the excavation team from the University of Pennsylvania's Museum.

Assyrians had been viewed more or less as "country cousins" of the Babylonians, 800 miles to the south, according to Crownover. But now with evidence of rich detail on the columns at Tell al-Rimah, it is clear that this conception did not do justice to the Assyrians.

Crownover noted that the molded, painted columns are the earliest instance of baroque detail found in the Middle East.

The animal bones, including remains of deer, gazelle, hare, fox and wild boar, were discovered in a small vaulted room located in the center of a stepped pyramid adjacent to the temple. Their significance is unclear, but they should give evidence of the kind of animal life that existed on the Sinjar Plain in early Assyrian times.

Also, the economic texts indicate that Tell al-Rimah must have been on an important trade route between the Hittite and Egyptian worlds, said Dr. Crownover.

The temple, first discovered in 1964, dominates the site which also includes a palace and residential areas surrounded by a city wall.

Excavation findings from this year's joint British-American project were reported by Dr. Theresa Howard Carter of the Museum and David Oates of the British School of Archaeology. — *(Newark Sunday News, Oct. 2, 1966, Newark, N. J.)*

— VK —

Elected President of Her Class

Pamela L. Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Conover of North Post Road, Dutch Neck, N. J., has been elected president of the junior class at the College of Wooster, Ohio. She is serving as a junior resident in a freshman women's dormitory and is editor of the college directory. — *(Princeton Packet, November 2, 1966, Princeton, N. J.)*

Was a Guest Speaker

Bonnie Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Conover of Absecon, N. J., was one of the guest speakers at the Charter Night dinner held at Smithville Inn on Thursday marking the 200th birthday of Rutgers University.

Miss Conover is a junior at Douglass College where she is majoring in Latin-American languages. She represented the college at the observance and spoke on "Present Day Campus Life at Douglass."

In addition to representing Douglass College at the anniversary dinner, Miss Conover was recently chosen a member of the Queen's Court for "Homecoming Day" at Rutgers University.—*(Main'and Journal, Nov. 17, 1966, Pleasantville, N. J.)*

— VK —

Honored by Chaplains Chapel

Mrs. Eleanor Yaeger, retired principal of Park Avenue School, was honored last Sunday with a citation from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in Philadelphia.

This was presented in gratitude for 40 years of service to the local community of Pleasantville, the county and the State of New Jersey.—*(Mainland Journal, Nov. 24, 1966, Pleasantville, N. J.)*

— VK —

Kiwanis Youth of the Month

This month's young citizen award will be presented by the Kiwanis Club of Princeton to a Princeton High School senior whose place kick technique is directly descended from that of Charlie Gogolak.

In fact, he has been invited on several occasions to work out with Princeton University players Gogolak and Ted Garcia.

However, football's not all that interests 17-year-old **Keith Conover.** He writes folk songs, plays several instruments and dabbles in electronics.

Next year Keith hopes to attend a small college where he can major in Christian Education. He plans to go on playing football, but it will take a backseat to his studies. "Getting a good education definitely comes first," according to Keith.

After that good education is complete, Keith hopes to make a career of youth work. His interest in working with youngsters has developed through working summers as a counselor at a service club day camp in West Windsor.

In the summer of 1965, Keith made a brief tour of Appalachia with a group of nine boys and girls (and six chaperones) under the sponsorship of the Presbytery of New Brunswick. Part of their time was spent building facilities for a camp for underprivileged children in Ozone, Tenn.

Keith's interest in church work ties in with his interest in music. He sings in the choir of the Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church, as well as in the Princeton High School Choir and Madrigal Group.

In a lighter vein, he plays ukulele, banjo and guitar. He also writes folk songs. They're in his repertoire when he and his partner, Tim Mount, perform at parties. This year they were featured in the high school's variety show.

Besides the choir, his activities at the high school include the current presidency of the Athletic Association and four years of football and track—the javelin is his track specialty. He's also been a member of the student council and a reporter on the school paper, the Tower Reporter.

With all his activities, Keith still manages to maintain a B average. This year he's particularly enthusiastic about the high school's new course in the humanities.

Keith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Conover of North Post Road, Trenton. His father is service manager of the Princeton Fuel Oil Co. He has an older sister who attends the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio.

The award will be presented at the regular luncheon meeting of the Princeton Kiwanis Club on Thursday, Dec. 15, by William Ribelin, president of the club at the Nassau Inn at 1 p.m. —*(Princeton Packet, Dec. 14, 1966, Princeton, N. J.)*

— VK —

Serves in the Military Police

Pvt. Dale C. Blazure, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blazure of Pottersville, N. J., has arrived in Viet Nam where he is serving as a security guard with the Army Military Police.

Pvt. Blazure is a 1965 graduate of North Hunterdon Regional High School. After basic training at Fort Dix, he attended leadership school and MP Training School at Fort Gordon, Ga. He was awarded a plaque by the Military Police Association as outstanding graduate of his class.—*(Hunterdon County Democrat, December 24, 1966, Flemington, N. J.)*

— VK —

Named Marketing Manager

William L. Conover has been appointed marketing manager and director of licensing for Parker-Kalon Corp. of Clifton, N. J., according to David C. Amsler, vice president and general manager of the parent United Shoe Machinery Corp. Conover, who will be in charge of all domestic and international marketing operations, and also the licensing program, has been with Parker-Kalon for the last 10 years, most recently as general sales manager. — *(Newark Evening News, Jan. 25, 1967, Newark, N. J.)*

— VK —

Graduates from RCA Institute

Robert Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Conover, formerly of Pleasantville, now of Mays Landing, N. J., has graduated from RCA Technical Institute School of Electronics, Camden, N. J.

Young Conover, graduate of Holy Spirit High School, class of 1965, is now associated with IBM in Camden as field engineer.—*(Mainland Journal, Jan. 26, 1967, Pleasantville, N. J.)*

— VK —

Is Given a DS Award

Raymond Conover, immediate past president of the Absecon Jaycees, who led the local chapter in obtaining third place in the state in community service, was honored by being announced as the winner of the Distinguished Service Award at the DSA and Bosses Night banquet held Thursday at the Absecon Youth Center. He will receive a plaque.

In addition to other Jaycee sponsored projects, Conover has played an important part in the promotion and carrying out of the Miss Absecon contest during its three year history. He is employed by the FAA at the Flight Service Station, Millville, N. J. — *(Mainland Journal, Jan. 26, 1967, Pleasantville, N. J.)*

— VK —

Elected President, Board of Education

Dr. John W. Conover, 3rd was elected president of the Absecon Board of Education at the annual reorganization meeting held yesterday (Wednesday) in the H. Ashton Marsh School.

Dr. Conover has served on the board four years. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry. He served in the U. S. Navy three years. He is vice president of the Atlantic County Historical Society and a past president of the Atlantic City Trapshooting Association—*(Mainland Journal, Feb. 2, 1967, Pleasantville, N. J.)*

— VK —

Sailor Is Given Award

MOFFETT FIELD, CAL.—Aviation Boatswain's Mate Airman **Clayton E. Thomas**, USN, son of Clayton O. Thomas of Northfield, was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, as a member of Naval Air Transport Wing, Pacific, located at Moffett Field, California.

The award was presented for meritorious services in support of military operations from June 15, 1964 to June 14, 1966.

During this period, personnel of the transport wing performed with distinction in the airlift of Southeast Asia operations and in some of the nation's largest air movements of troops and equipment. They constantly overflew their programmed flying hours without an accident or incident. — *(Mainland Journal, Feb. 9, 1967, Pleasantville, N. J.)*

— VK —

Receives Award in National Contest

CARBONDALE, Ill — **Wallace Conover**, editor of the Somerset Messenger-Gazette, Somerville, N. J., has been judged New Jersey winner in the National Travel Writing Contest for Weekly Newspapers conducted by Southern Illinois University here and the American Oil Company.

The contest, covering articles published in 1966, was designed to give editors an incentive to publicize travel attractions in their localities, and to support President Johnson's "Discover America" program.

Conover receives an award of $100 and a state winner plaque. His subjects were the Wallace House and Old Dutch Parsonage. — *(Somerset Messenger-Gazette, Feb. 9, 1967, Somerville, N. J.)*

— VK —

Will Receive Medical Center Certificate

CHESTER, N. J.—**Mrs. William H. Conover** of Larison Road, is among 76 adult volunteers who will receive certificates from Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, N. J. at the annual Recognition and Awards Ceremony and Tea to be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, at the Center's auditorium. Certificates are presented for 150-500 hours of service. — *(Observer-Tribune, Apr. 20, 1967, Mendham-Chester, N. J.)*

— VK —

Pop on Top

Grandin Conover's "The Party On Greenwich Avenue," which opened at the off-Broadway Cherry Lane Theatre the other night, takes us to a Greenwich Village pad whose occupants hope to make money out of staging phony drug and sex parties for curious tourists.

The pad belongs to Salad, a young girl in the Sally Bowles, Holly Golightly mold. But she has a greater sense of self-awareness plus a desire to get out of the Bohemian life before the madcap fun turns into giggles of regret.

Salad's boyfriend, Roy, a white Southerner, helps Roosevelt, a Negro hustler, turn the pad into a pop party piece with floating plastic pillows, foil-covered tires and plaster figures. The tourists, a couple from Red Bank, New Jersey, are interested observers at first but with the administration of drugs, the action changes into a psychedelic nightmare.

The play uses its share of four letter words — seemingly obligatory these days and really unnecessary — but Mr. Conover has a compassion for his characters and an insight that redeems the sordid-sounding plot. The play ends on a bitter-sweet note and a vision that does not deny us our dreams but is not too surprised when they don't become reality.

The cast is excellent: Joyce Aaron as Salad, Clarence Williams III as Roosevelt and James Hall as Roy. They are ably supported by Philip Sterling, Tresa Hughes and Carolyn Coates.

The play is adroitly directed by Richard Altman and both he and Mr. Conover have a theatrical sense that augurs well for the future. — *(Wall Street Journal, May 12, 1967, New York, N. Y.)*

— VK —

Returns Home from Vietnam

T-Sgt. Walter K. Conover, AF 12454374, has returned to this country after 13 months of duty in Vietnam and Formosa. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Conover of Seaview Park, Absecon, N. J. — *(Mainland Journal, Pleasantville, N. J., May 25, 1967)*

— VK —

Gets Master's Degree in Education

Brevoort Christian Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson S. Conover, received his Master's Degree in Education from Rutgers University on May 31, 1967. He is 4-H Club Agent of Warren County, N. J., and resides at 450 Delaware Avenue, Belvidere, N. J.

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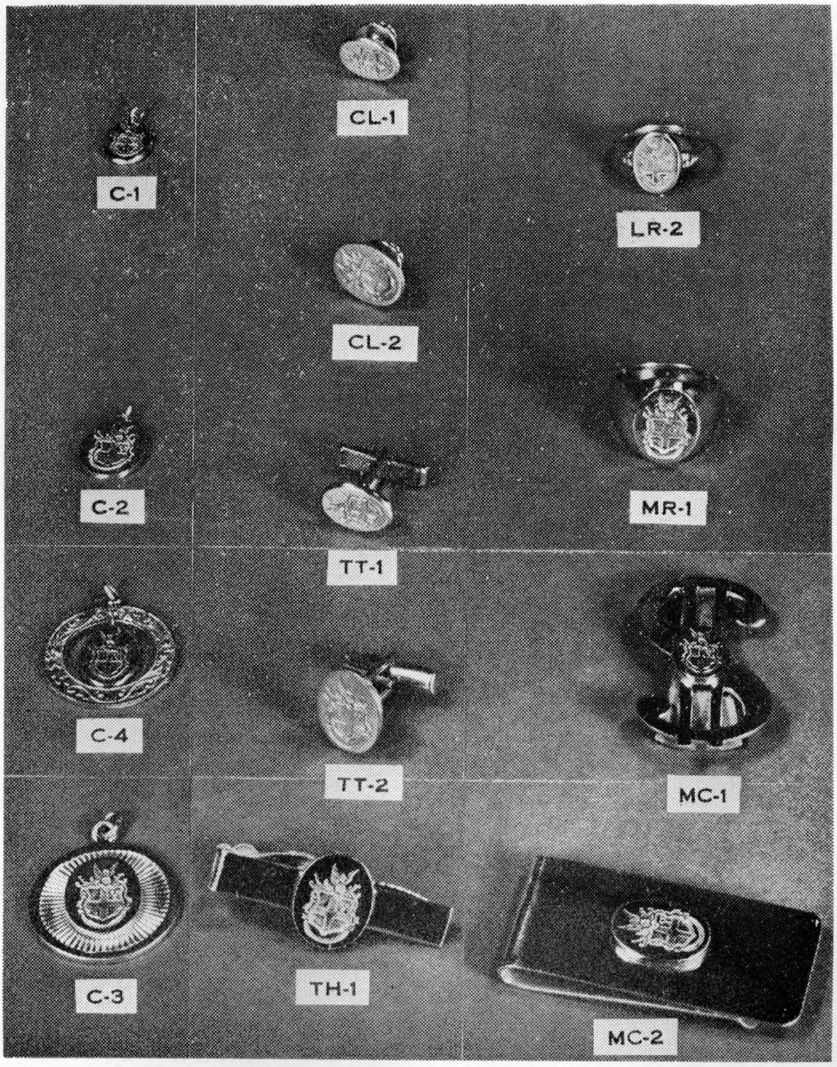
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SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE

342nd Anniversary and 71th Annual Reunion

OF THE

VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 16, 1967

The 71st Annual Reunion held on Saturday, September 16, 1967, at the American Hotel, Freehold, New Jersey, was attended by approximately 100 members and guests.

In the morning session, the President called attention to the fact that the change of the Reunion date from June to September was in the nature of an experiment. Upon asking for a show of hands, the indications were that the group was divided into three approximately equal parts, one in favor of June, a second in favor of September and the non-voters who were assumed to have no preference.

Our mailing list is in the process of being overhauled, and it is hoped this will result in one uniform list for all purposes.

We have been corresponding with the Rutgers University Library and with the New Jersey Historical Society in the hope of finding satisfactory places where family records and heirlooms can be safely preserved.

A letter had been received from Dr. Kenn Stryker-Rodda inviting the Association to join the League of Historical Societies. Also, a letter from Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley resigning as Trustee. These communications were referred to the Trustees for action.

A letter was read from President Emeritus, the Reverend Earle Conover of Lincoln, Nebraska, expressing his regrets at not being able to attend the Reunion and asking for information about sources he might contact during a projected trip to Holland next year to obtain information relative to the family's history.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Abrahamson, reported a balance on hand of $1,827.68.

Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian, reported that the scrap books had been brought up to date and indexed. She stressed the need for more material such as clippings and photographs.

The Agent for Supplies, Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, reported that supplies sold since the last Reunion amounted to $169.36.

Mrs. Olive Rundstrom, Genealogist, read the names of twenty-one new members of whom four were present and were introduced.

Mr. Wilson Conover, reporting for the Cemetery Committee, said that cracked grave stones had been repaired and the committee planned to continue its work at the Conover-Schenck Cemetery, including the removal of trees that might fall and damage the grave stones.

Mr. Herbert T. Conover, Editor of the Bulletin, emphasized the need to send clippings so that items of interest to the family can be reported in the Bulletin.

Mr. Charles P. Conover, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, read the names of the following nominees for the Trustees' Class of 1970:

Mr. Charles A. Bird
Miss Mida Blake
Mr. Donald V. N. Conover
Mr. Wilson Conover
Mrs. Helen A. Dawley
Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven
Mr. Thomas S. Roberts

There being no other nominations, nominations were closed and, on motion, the Secretary was authorized to cast one ballot bearing the names of the nominees who were then declared duly elected.

Color prints of the family coat of arms were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Ramsey of St. Petersburg, Florida, who had traveled the farthest; to Karen Abrahamson of Absecon, who, at 4 years 11 months was again the youngest, and to James Conover of Princeton, 82 years, who again was the oldest member present.

Mr. Thomas S. Roberts gave a very interesting account of things going on around Pleasant Valley and the Monmouth Battleground State Park.

Before adjourning for luncheon, Dr. Louis Walton Sipley showed a very interesting travelogue film on Holland, prepared by the KLM Airlines, after which Reverend Lawrence asked the luncheon blessing.

The memorial service for deceased members was conducted by Mrs. Lola Schenck Cheney, assisted by Miss Denise Broeren, Mrs. Louise Conover and her husband, Donald V. N. Conover.

Dr. Sipley then showed a number of color slides of photographs taken during his visits to the Netherlands. The excellent slides and Dr. Sipley's running commentary calling attention to various things of interest made his talk most informative and enjoyable.

The Reunion was closed in the traditional manner by all joining hands and singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

JANICE D. CONOVER, Secretary

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Report of the Board of Trustees' Fall Meeting

PALMER INN, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OCTOBER 21, 1967

The regular Fall meeting of the Trustees was held on Saturday, October 21, 1967, at the Palmer Inn, Princeton, New Jersey. Fifteen Trustees and nine guests were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven.

The minutes of the Seventy-first Annual Reunion were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $1,460.78 and advised that the cost of the jewelry dies had been liquidated. On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to credit residual funds, resulting from the purchase of jewelry by members, to the Cemetery Fund.

Mr. Herbert T. Conover presented a check in the amount of $100.00 given to him as a donation to the cemetery fund by Mr. Robert H. Schenck of Morristown.

A total of fifteen applications were on hand. On motion, the applicants were accepted as Associate Members with the provision that they automatically become Ancestral Members upon certification of their lineage by the genealogist.

It was decided to hold the next reunion on October 5th or 19th, 1968, at the Chalfont-Haddon Hall in Atlantic City, with the Admiral Hall, Cape May, as second choice.

April 6, 1968, was selected as the date for the next Trustees' meeting at the Palmer Inn.

Mr. Wilson Conover reported that a developer was negotiating to acquire the property abutting the Conover-Schenck Cemetery. The owner, Mr. Greenwald, has imposed two conditions of interest to us. One is that no disposition will be made of the Conover house without his approval and the second is that an access road will be provided to the cemetery. Mr. Conover will continue to keep in touch with the situation.

The president appointed Wilson Conover chairman of the cemetery committee with authority to select and appoint a committee to assist him.

Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies, reported sales amounting to $105.06.

On motion, an invitation to join the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey was declined.

Mr. William R. Conover and Mrs. Roberts were appointed as a special committee to work with Mrs. Edna Conover Wilson of Miami Shores regarding the placement of numerous items of family and historic significance.

Mr. William R. Conover was delegated as our representative to the Allaire Village Association.

A very interesting brochure on family history and genealogy had been received from Mr. Franklin Frick. The brochure will be placed with our genealogical records after review by Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Rundstrom.

Messrs. Charles P. Conover, Thomas S. Roberts and William R. Conover and Mrs. Rundstrom were appointed the Nominating Committee to report at the Reunion in October, 1968.

JANICE D. CONOVER, Secretary

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Report of the Board of Trustees' Spring Meeting

PALMER INN, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

The regular Spring meeting of the Trustees of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association was held on Saturday, April 6, 1968, at the Palmer Inn, Princeton, N. J. There were fourteen trustees and eight guests present.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven.

The minutes of the Trustees' meeting of October 21, 1967, were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $1,588.93 including the Cemetery Fund amounting to $134.88.

Six applications for membership were presented. On motion, the applicants were accepted as Associate Members with the provision that they automatically become Ancestral Members upon certification of their lineage by the genealogist.

Mr. Wilson Conover reported that in the sale of the property adjacent to the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Mr. Greenwald had reserved the Conover-Schenck Cemetery. The layout of the proposed property development provides an access road which was one of the conditions of sale.

Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies, reported that jewelry in the amount of $64.50 had been sold since the last report.

Mr. Herbert T. Conover, Editor of the Bulletin, stated that the next issue was scheduled for mailing in July. The application blanks have been reprinted to reflect the current admission fee and annual dues as well as other changes.

The Seventy-second Annual Reunion will be held on October 12th at the Chalfont-Haddon Hall Hotel in Atlantic City. On Friday evening, October 11th, there will be an informal gathering and Dutch-treat dinner. On Saturday there will be a buffet luncheon and a reception and Dutch-treat informal dinner in the evening.

It was decided to hold the regular Fall Trustees' meeting on Saturday afternoon, October 12th, immediately following the reunion.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

JANICE D. CONOVER, Secretary

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New Members

Accepted at the Trustees' meeting October 21, 1967 —

Mrs. Robert W. Bunnell, 401 North Adams Street, Fullerton, Calif.
Willard D. Conover, 110 Columbus Avenue, Trenton, N. J. 08618
Mrs. Donald Calvin Cook, 317 Old Deal Road, Eatontown, N. J.
Mrs. John Hyer Lyle, Baird Road, R.D. #2, Englishtown, N. J. 07726
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Mrs. John Nicholas Hummel, 812 Madison Avenue, Dunellen, N. J. 08812
Mrs. Walter B. Cherry, 162 Maple Place, Keyport, N. J. 07735
Donald Kitchell Conover, 55 East 87st Street, New York, N. Y. 10028
Rev. Eugene J. Conover, 1142 Harris Street, Corona, Calif. 91720
Mrs. Mary H. Allen, 6236 Factor Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107
William B. Kownover, 12544 State Road #23, Granger, Indiana 46530
Mrs. Norma Gray Elsberry, 6421 Xavier Court, Arvada, Colorado 80002
Lynn Conover, 126 Hanover Street, Pemberton, N. J. 08068
Mrs. Lila Gene George, 6906 Avondale Drive, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73116
Charles E. Kownover, 12544 Adams Road, Granger, Illinois 46530

Accepted at the Trustees' meeting April 6, 1968 —

Mrs. Michael M. Cassone, 15 Memorial Parkway,
Atlantic Highlands, N. J. 07716
Miss Nancy P. Conover, 655 Kossuth Street, Riverside, N. J. 08075
Gerret F. Conover, 655 Kossuth Street, Riverside, N. J. 08075
Frank D. Conover, 1409 River Street, Hyde Park, Mass. 02136
C. Kenneth Conover, 11 Edinboro Place, Newtonville, Mass. 02160
Mrs. Barbara W. Latham, 153 White Street, Shrewsbury, N. J. 07704

Recent Events in the Family Circle

— Births —

Pamela Duane Conover, born August 13, 1967, to Richard and Ruth Ann Conover Duane of Finderne, N. J.

Peter Christian Conover, born July 11, 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Evans Conover of Harrodsburg, Kentucky; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Conover of Harrodsburg, Ky., and great grandson of Dr. Peter Harlan Conover.

Timothy Allan Conover, born January 22, 1968, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Conover of Route #1, Waupaca, Wisconsin.

James Sharp Gillespie, born March 10, 1967, to Robert and Carole Gillespie of Costa Mesa, California.

John Scott Edelman, born July 27, 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. Dana Edelman of Roselle, N. J.

Megan Kelly, born June 1, 1967, to Brian and Petrea Gillespie Kelly of Richland, Washington.

— Marriages —

Bonnie Ann Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd M. Conover of 316 Ohio Avenue, Absecon, N. J. and Lt. John Alden Frost, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Purves Frost of Morristown, N. J., were married on June 8, 1968 in the Absecon Presbyterian Church by the Rev. David S. Hodgson, pastor of the church.

The bride received her degree last week from Douglass College. She is also a graduate of Pleasantville High School. The bridegroom is a graduate of Rutgers University and is presently serving in the Air Force. He is stationed at Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio. The newlyweds will reside in Columbus, Ohio.

Charles E. Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Conover of Somers Point, N. J. and Ruth L. Clarke, daughter of Mrs. Sanow Clarke of Seaville, N. J. and Addison A. Clarke of Florida, were married September 30, 1967 at the Methodist Church, Sea Isle City, N. J., by the Rev. Walter M. Sawn.

The bride is a graduate of Ocean City High School and Ohio Wesleyan University and was formerly employed by J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

The groom is a graduate of Ocean City High School and Southeastern University and is employed by IBM, Camden, N. J.

The young couple will reside in Haddonfield, N. J.

Frank Darby Conover, son of Mr. Francis J. Conover of Riverside, N. J. and Margaret Endicott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter I. Endicott of Riverside, were married June 17, 1967 in the Riverside Methodist Church by the Rev. Kingston.

They will make their home at 1409 River Street, Hyde Park, Mass.

Jean Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Conover of 95 Vander Veer Avenue, Somerville, N. J. and John N. Fialka, son of Mrs. Edward J. Fialka of 147 Davenport Street and the late Mr. Fialka, were married on June 8, 1968 in Immaculate Chapel. The Rev. James J. McConnell officiated, assisted by the Rev. Maurice Marcus, pastor of the Second Reformed Church.

The couple are graduates of Somerville High School. Mrs. Fialka is employed in the office of the Somerset County Clerk. Her husband is employed by Henderson Construction Co. They will reside in Whitehouse Station, N. J.

John P. Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Conover of Tiffany Place, Irvington, N. J. and Barbara Dwyer, daughter of Mrs. John J. Dwyer of Kerrigan Boulevard, Newark, N. J. and the late Mr. Dwyer, were married July 15, 1967 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Maplewood, N. J., by the Rev. Timothy J. Dwyer, O.S.B. of

St. Benedict's Abbey, Newark, uncle of the bride, and the Rev. Aiden Kenny officiated at the Nuptial Mass.

Margaret J. Conover, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Clarence B. Conover, a former pastor of the Absecon Methodist Church, Absecon, N. J. and Lewis Blake Chaney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Chaney of South Carolina, were married on May 25, 1968 in the Audubon Methodist Church, Audubon, N. J. by the father of the bride, a former pastor of the Audubon Church, assisted by the present pastor, the Rev. George S. Geyer.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Western Maryland, and is associated with Temple University as a teacher and in doing research work.

Following a honeymoon in the Virgin Islands, the young couple will reside in Cherry Hill where the bridegroom is associated with RCA.

Raymond Willis Conover, III, son of Raymond W. Conover, Jr. and the late Shirley Conover of Pemberton, N. J., and Mary Ann Bratta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bratta of Mount Holly, N. J., were married June 17, 1967 at the Broad Street Baptist Church in Mount Holly, by the Rev. Harold T. Cranmer.

The bride is employed at Modern Packaging, Inc., Mount Holly, and the bridegroom is employed by Inductotherm Corp., Rancocas, N. J. The couple will reside at 188 Hanover Street, Pemberton, N. J.

Roy H. Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Conover of Edinburg, N. J. and Billie Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Wilson, also of Edinburg, were married October 7, 1967 at the First Presbyterian Church, Dutch Neck, N. J., by the Rev. James S. Weaver.

The bride, a Princeton High School graduate, was formerly with the McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. in Hightstown, N. J. Mr. Conover, also a graduate of Princeton High School, is associated with Ken Conover & Sons.

The couple will reside in Edinburg.

Wayne V. Conover of rural Ringoes, N. J. and Nancy Serridge of Flemington, N. J., were married January 26, 1968 by Mayor John E. Bush, Sr. at his home.

Don Swift Vandenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Vandenberg of 944 Harmon Avenue, Dayton, Ohio and Leslie Anne Rowe, were married June 18, 1967 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Jeffrey Mills, son of Mrs. Mary Conover Mills of Somerville, N. J. and D. Russell Mills of Beachwood, N. J., and Roseann Syslo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph K. Syslo of Sayreville, N. J., were married May 18, 1968 in St. Stanislaus Church, Sayreville, N. J. by Rev. Ladislaus Madura.

The bride graduated from Sayreville War Memorial High School and is a secretary at Squibb and Sons, New Brunswick. Her husband graduated from North Hunterdon High School and is also with Squibb and Sons.

Following a wedding trip to Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Mills will make their home in South River, N. J.

Roland Walter Anderson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland W. Anderson, Sr. of Rancho Santa Fe, California, and Diana Elizabeth Bates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Bates, were married on September 23, 1967 at the Village Community Church, Rancho Santa Fe, California.

Sharon Grace Ransom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anson V. Ransom of 2 Myrtle Avenue, Eatontown, N. J. and Robert David Schanck, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Schanck, Sr. of 51 Silverton Avenue, Little Silver, N. J., were married May 20, 1967, at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, by the Rev. James B. Coyle of St. Dorothea's Roman Catholic Church.

The bride was granduated from Monmouth Regional High School, New Shrewsbury, and Katharine Gibbs School, Montclair. She was employed as a secretary at Bell Telephone Laboratories Inc., Holmdel, N. J.

The bridegroom was graduated from Red Bank High School and Rutgers University, Newark, N. J. He is attending the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

— *Anniversaries* —

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Conover of Frenchtown, N. J., observed their 40th wedding anniversary on August 10, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Turner of 729 Harrison Avenue, Burlington, Iowa, observed their 50th wedding anniversary on April 28, 1968. The actual date of the marriage was April 24, 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Conover of 83 Fairview Avenue, High Bridge, N. J., observed their 55th wedding anniversary on April 30, 1968.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert T. Conover of 188½ Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, N. J., observed their 55th wedding anniversary on October 29, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. White of 290 Wabash Avenue, Kenmore, N. Y., observed their 60th wedding anniversary on June 19, 1967.

– *Deaths* –

Alan T. Conover, 70 years of age, of 151 Stockton Avenue, Ocean Grove, N. J., died August 1, 1967 in the Green Grove Nursing Home, Neptune, N. J.

Born in New Brunswick, N. J., Mr. Conover lived in Caldwell and Atlantic Highlands before moving here five years ago. He retired in 1965 after 25 years with the N. J. State Employment Service. At the time of his retirement he was an appeals examiner in the Asbury Park office.

Mr. Conover was a member of the Ascension Church in Bradley Beach.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Marguerite Hassfield Conover; a daughter, Mrs. Joseph Kysel of River Edge; a brother, Luther Conover of East Orange, and three grandchildren.

Interment was in St. Catherine's Cemetery, Bradley Beach, N. J.

Alice Higbee Conover, 88 years of age, of 1 Lantern Lane, Somers Point, N. J., died July 15, 1967 in a local nursing home.

Mrs. Conover was the daughter of the late Absolom and Adelia Higbee. She had lived in Atlantic County all her life with the exception of 20 years spent in Colorado and Montana.

She was an active worker for the Red Cross during the war years and was a member of Bethany Methodist Church. She was also a lifelong honorary member of the Somers Point Republican League.

Mrs. Conover is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Fred W. Chapman of Somers Point and Mrs. John McIntosh of Seattle, Wash.; a stepson, Virgil Conover of Somerdale; four grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Leeds Point Cemetery.

Ariel L. Conover, 69 years of age, a fireman in the Atlantic City Fire Department for 43 years until he retired in 1963, died April 1, 1968 at his home at 1106 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J.

A native of Atlantic City, Conover at one time drove horse-drawn wagons from the Tennessee and Arkansas Avenue stations. He was a member of the firemen's football team known as the "Kate Smiths." During World War I, he was with the Navy, and during World War II he served with the Seabees in the South Pacific.

He was a charter member of the Cape May Section Base, Seabees of Atlantic City, Inlet Social and Athletic Club and the Lt. J. Willis Gale Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, Ye Olde Tymers Club, Margate Log Cabin and the Second Ward Republican Club. and the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Surviving are his wife, Musie; three stepsons, Edward, Franklin and B. H. Loyle of Margate; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Richard Corlies of Union, and Mrs. James Kimley of Philadelphia.

Interment was in Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. J.

Arthur Conover, 71 years of age, of Sassafras Street, Millville, N. J., died

August 11, 1967 at Millville Hospital.

He was a retired employee of the Millville Water Department where he worked for 10 years.

Surviving are his wife, Louella; two sons, Franklin of Tuckerton, N. J. and Russell S. of Millville; two daughters, Mrs. Lorraine Rainear of Bridgeton, N. J. and Mrs. Harry Schwegel of Millville; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Interment was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Chris Conover, 16 years of age, son of Mrs. Harry (Candy Jones) Conover, former Miss Atlantic City and prominent personality. Funeral services were held September 28, 1967 in New York City.

Death came almost instantly when the youth suffered a lung collapse as the result of walking viral pneumonia, a spokesman said.

His mother, the former Jessie Wilcox, was on assignment in London for the NBC Monitor series. She was married to the late Harry Conover, noted modeling agent and founder of the Conover Career School.

Other survivors include two brothers, Harry, Jr., 19, and Cary, 18, both of New York City, and a grandmother, Mrs. Jessie Wilcox of New York.

Clarence G. Conover, Jr., 23 years of age, of Little Brook Lane, Bunnvale, N. J., was killed July 9, 1967 in an auto accident on Route 513, Tewksbury Township.

Mr. Conover was the son of Mrs. Phoebe Peterson Conover and the late Clarence E. Conover. He lived all his life in the Califon area and was employed by the Hercules Powder Corp., Kenvil, N. J., and worked part-time at the Edken Ford Agency, Clinton, N. J.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his widow, Mrs. Penny Shannon Conover; two children, Patrick and Kelly Sue; a sister, Mrs. Doris Badlowski of rural Glen Gardner, and a foster sister, Dorothy Langle at his mother's home.

Interment was made in Fairmount Rural Cemetery, Fairmount, N. J.

Clarence S. Conover, Sr., 58 years of age, of 2215 Lakewood Road, Toms River, N. J., died December 18, 1967 at Paul Kimball Hospital, Lakewood, N. J.

A retired farmer, he was born in Colts Neck Township, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Conover. He was a member of the Colts Neck Reformed Church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Dorothy A. Conover; a son, Clarence S. Conover, Jr. of Brick Township; a daughter, Mrs. Emily Buck of Colts Neck; two brothers, Walter Conover of Middletown, N. J. and Arthur Conover of Tennent, N. J.; a sister, Mrs. Marianna Ellis of Colts Neck Township, and six grandchildren.

Interment was in Atlantic Cemetery, Colts Neck, N. J.

Cora B. Conover, 78 years of age, of 219 Crest Road, Cape May Court House, N. J., died March 8, 1968 at Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital.

A former resident of Atlantic City, N. J., Mrs. Conover had resided here nine years.

Surviving are two sons, Robert J. of Cape May Court House and William B. of Margate, N. J., both pharmacists, and a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Green of Upper Darby, Pa.; four grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Helen Anderson of Florida.

Interment was in Union Cemetery, Mays Landing, N. J.

Earl S. Conover, 69 years of age, of 28 East Young Street, Somerville, N. J., died December 19, 1967 in Somerset Hospital.

Born in Whitehouse Station, N. J., he retired in 1963 as a superintendent at American Cyanamid Co., Bridgewater. He had worked there 44 years.

Mr. Conover was a member of the Second Reformed Church and belonged to the church's Knight Temple Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Grace R. Conover; a son, Marvin E. Conover of Readington, N. J.; a daughter, Mrs. H. Raymond Pope of Somerville; two grandchildren, and a stepsister, Mrs. Howard Thomas of Rahway, N. J.

Interment was in Bound Brook Cemetery, Bound Brook, N. J.

Elsie Conover, widow of the late Theodore Conover, died June 10, 1967 in an Atlantic City Nursing Home. She had formerly lived with her niece, Miss Betty Reed of 1514 North Main Street, Pleasantville, N. J.

Mrs. Conover was born in Atlantic City and had lived in the area all her life. For 20 years she was custodian for the Atlantic City Board of Education, retiring 13 years ago. She was a former member of Christ Methodist Church, Atlantic City.

Other survivors include a son, Theodore, Jr. of Atlantic City; a grandson, Theodore, 3rd of Pleasantville, N. J.; a nephew, Lt. Col. Ralph M. Reed of Fort Dix, N. J., and two other nieces Mrs. Gladys Cramer of Atlantic City and Mrs. Mary Lochel of Absecon, N. J.

Interment was in the Pleasantville Cemetery.

George W. Conover, Sr., 80 years of age, died June 30, 1968 in the Ward Homestead, Maplewood, N. J.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., he had lived in Orange 50 years before moving to the Ward Homestead in 1965.

Mr. Conover began his career in advertising upon graduation from the University of Pennsylvania in 1913. He was employed by the Seaman Agency in New York until 1924 when he became advertising manager of the Griffith Piano Company of Newark, N. J. He retired in 1965.

He was a former vestryman of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, West Orange, and was a member of Perkins Lodge, F. & A. M., Philadelphia, Pa.

Surviving are a son, George W., Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Robert Sullivan, both of Maplewood, N. J.; two sisters, Mrs. Milton MacCauley of Greenwich, Conn., and Dr. Eleanor Ross of Hanover, N. H., and four grandchildren.

G. Rezeau Conover, 77 years of age, of Locust Lawn Farm, Phalanx Road, Colts Neck, N. J., died November 30, 1967.

Mr. Conover was born in Holmdel, N. J., son of the late Hendrick P. and Mary Ella Schenck Conover. and had resided here for 50 years. He was a retired farmer, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Red Bank, N. J.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Shirley B. Martin Conover; three daughters, Mrs. L. Alven Bennett of Fair Haven, N. J., Mrs. Joseph R. DuBois, Jr. of Freehold, N. J., and Mrs. Theodore M. Duay of Orlando, Fla.; two brothers, Howard S. Conover of California and Wilson Conover of Holmdel; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Interment was in Fair View Cemetery, Middletown, N. J.

Harold Van Duym Conover, 73 years of age, of Conover Road, Wickatunk, Marlboro Township, N. J., died November 19, 1967 at his home after a short illness.

Mr. Conover was born in Freehold, N. J. and lived in the area all his life.

He was a partner in Conover Brothers Farm and Equipment Supplies Company for 52 years. He was a member of the New Jersey and the National Lawn, Industrial and Farm Equipment Dealers Association for more than 50 years and Liberty Grange, Marlboro Township.

Surviving are a brother, Stacy P. Conover of Wickatunk, and two sisters, Mrs. Daisy C. Quackenbush of Wickatunk and Mrs. Virginia Smock of Marlboro.

Interment was in Holmdel Cemetery.

Helena D. Conover, wife of Dr. C. Sterling Conover of 51 Egbert Street, Bay Head, N. J., died June 17, 1967 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, N. J.

Mrs. Conover, born in Jersey City, had lived in New York for 18 years and in Maplewood for 12 years before moving to Bay Head four years ago.

She was a graduate of Seminary Junior College and Sullins College, both in Virgina. She was active in volunteer work for the United Nations.

She also leaves a son, Peter Conover of Princeton, N. J.; a daughter, Mrs. Jeannette Haas of Short Hills, N. J., and five grandchildren.

Henry B. Kouwenhoven, 72 years of age, died from a heart attack September 1, 1967 while visiting a friend in John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Kouwenhoven, a retired investment broker and a former long-time resident of Huntington, L. I., had been living in Snow Hill, Md. He was a member of the Long Island Historical

Society, Holland Society of New York, Worcester County Historical Society, and the Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club in Maryland.

Interment was in Flushing, L. I. Cemetery.

Henry Lee Conover, 47 years of age, of 6501 Cane Run Road, Louisville, Ky., formerly of Cane Valley, died on December 1, 1967 at Ireland Hospital, Fort Knox, Ky.

Mr. Conover was retired with 20 years' service in the U. S. Army. He was the son of the Rev. H. J. and Mrs. Mary Lee Turpin Conover of Cane Valley.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hazel Bell Conover of Louisville; his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Conover of Cane Valley, and one brother, Allen Conover of Ratcliff, Ky.

Interment was in Cane Valley Cemetery with Military Honors.

Irving E. Conover, 69 years of age, of Old Port Road, Oceanville, N. J., died December 18, 1967 in Atlantic City Hospital, Atlantic City, N. J. He was a lifelong resident of the area.

Surviving are five sisters, Mrs. Ruth Smith of Pleasantville, N. J., Mrs. Dorothy Turner and Mrs. Phoebe Clayton, both of Orlando, Fla., and Mrs. Anna May Hand and Mrs. Viola Conover, both of Oceanville, N. J., and two brothers, Robert and Joseph, both of Pleasantville.

Interment was in Oceanville Cemetery.

John Hale Conover, Sr., 79 years of age, of 1147 Maryland Avenue, Cape May, N. J., died November 18, 1967 at Burdette Tomlin Hospital.

He was born in Newark, N. J., a son of the late Arthur Hale and Mary Morehouse Conover. He had lived there until moving here six years ago. He retired in 1961 as a credit manager for the Arrow Carrier Corp. of Carlstadt where he was employed for 31 years.

He was a longtime member of the Van Kouwenhoven - Conover Family Association.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Sara M. Conover; two sons, John Hale, Jr. of Passumpsic, Vt., and Roger Franklin of Basking Ridge, N. J.; a daughter, Mrs. Clifton Duncan of Devon, Pa., and 13 grandchildren.

Interment was in Cold Spring Cemetery.

Katherine Cowenhoven Taylor Lanier, 52 years of age, of Waccabuc, N. Y., died October 8, 1967 in Northern Westchester Hospital.

Wife of Henry Lanier, a vice president of the Chemical New York Trust Company and a grandson of the poet, Sidney Lanier, and daughter of the late Loomis Hammond Taylor and Henrietta Cowenhoven Brown Taylor.

Surviving besides her husband are a son, Sgt. Henry D. Lanier, U.S.M.C.; a daughter, Katherine Cowenhoven Lanier, and three sisters.

Leon A. Conover, 85 years of age, a former resident of Absecon, N. J., died December 17, 1967 in a nursing home in Miami, Fla., after a long illness.

Born in Conovertown, N. J., he was a lifelong Atlantic County resident before moving to Florida a few years ago. For many years he was superintendent of Atlantic County Homes in Northfield, N. J.

He was a past president of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association and a member of Keystone Lodge, F. & A. M. and the Shrine.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; a son, Leigh of Palm Beach, and a daughter, Mrs. Leona Root of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Interment was in Absecon Methodist Cemetery, Absecon, N. J.

Louannaa Conover Northwood, 81 years of age, widow of Rev. Dr. Arthur Northwood, pastor emeritus of the Elizabeth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Newark, N. J., died April 19, 1968 in Newton Hospital, Newton, N. J. She had lived in the Newton Nursing Home the last five years.

Mrs. Northwood had been active in the Elizabeth Avenue Church during her husband's 40-year pastorate there. She was a member of its Women's Association and its Missionary Society and conducted a training class for Sunday School teachers. Dr. Northwood, who had also served as a former president of the New Jersey Synod, died in 1963.

Born in Tuckerton, N. J., Mrs. Northwood grew up in Trenton, where she graduated from Trenton High School and the former Trenton Normal School, class of 1906. From 1906 to 1912 she taught elementary grades in the Trenton and Rutherford public schools.

Mrs. Northwood lived in Newark 37 years and in Cranford one year before moving to Newton. She was a member of Nova Caesarea Chapter, D.A.R.

She leaves a son, Arthur, Jr. of Montclair, N. J., and three grandchildren.

Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Elizabeth, N. J.

Mabel Margaret Conover, 89 years of age, died in her home, 124 Westervelt Avenue, North Plainfield, N. J. on June 29, 1968.

Born in North Plainfield, she was the daughter of the late David R. and Ida Philpott, and was a retired bookkeeper with the former Union Grain Company in Plainfield for 37 years.

She is survived by Miss Lorraine Conover, an adopted daughter, at home; a sister, Mrs. Mildred Wilson of Irvington, N. J.; a niece, Mrs. Walter Egbert of East Brunswick, N. J., and a nephew. Winfield D. Blackford of Metuchen, N. J.

Miss Conover was a member of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church and the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Margaret Conover, 61 years of age, of 59 Nelson Street, New Brunswick, N. J., died on September 20, 1967 in Middlesex Hospital.

Born in Cranbury, N. J., she lived most of her life here. She was a member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Tabernacle, N. J.

She is survived by her husband, William Conover; seven sons, William, Jr. of Newark, and Robert. Douglas. Harry, Thomas, David and Milton, all of New Brunswick; eight daughters, Mrs. Katherine Hall of Somerville, and Mrs. Phyllis Davis, Mrs. Shirley Murphy, Mrs. Gloria Henderson, Mrs. Rose Mitchell, Mrs. Alice Tillman, Miss Sarah and Miss Margaret, all of New Brunswick, and 21 grandchildren.

Interment was in Franklin Memorial Park, North Brunswick, N. J.

Sarah Conover Lindell, 99 years of age, of Hobart Street, Marlboro, N. J., died July 19, 1967 at the Garden State Nursing Home, Holmdel Township.

A resident of Marlboro Township all her life, Mrs. Lindell was the daughter of the late Gilbert Schanck Conover, a Civil War veteran, and Mrs. Trene Conover. She was a member of Old Brick Reformed Church, Marlboro.

Surviving are a niece, Mrs. Mildred Leyea Conover of Atlantic Highlands, N. J., and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

Interment was in Old Brick Churchyard.

Annie Wyckoff Stillwell, 97 years of age, widow of John V. Stillwell, died on June 30, 1967 in Tempe, Arizona, where she had lived the last 10 years with her daughter, Mrs. Edna S. Conover.

Mrs. Stillwell, who was born in Stanton, N. J., lived in Morristown, N. J. several years before going to Arizona in 1957. She formerly lived in Whitehouse Station and Bound Brook, N. J.

She also leaves a son. John V. Stillwell. Jr. of Trenton, N. J.; four grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Blanche F. Erricson, 63 years of age, of 22 Drumbed Road, Villas, N. J., died March 19, 1968 in Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital. She was born in Green Creek, N. J., and was a former postmistress in Villas for 14 years.

Mrs. Erricson is survived by a sister, Mrs. Mabel Ellison of South Seaville, N. J., and two brothers, Marvin Conover of Dias Creek, N. J. and Harry Conover of Green Creek, N. J.

Interment was in Green Creek Methodist Cemetery.

Clyde Ott Adams, 85 years of age, died February 14, 1968 in Los Angeles, California, where he had lived for a number of years.

He was born the third son and fourth child of the late Charles Henry and Margaret Caroline Crownover Adams and a direct descendant of Robert Crownover, the famed Indian scout.

A veteran of World War I, he served several years at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was preceded in death by an elder brother, Charles Glen Adams, and a sister, Iva Mae Adams Moore.

He is survived by his widow, Polly; a nephew, Marion Glen Moore of Grand Haven, Michigan, and a niece, Mrs. John Randolph Parker of Lincoln, Illinois.

Interment was in the Veteran's Cemetery, Los Angeles, California.

Etta V. Blackwell, 85 years of age, of 19 North Greenwood Avenue, Hopewell, N. J., died March 18, 1968 in the Birchwood Nursing Home. She was the widow of Leroy Blackwell.

Mrs. Blackwell was a resident of the Hopewell area all her life. She was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church and the Col. Joseph Stout Chapter of the D.A.R., also a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. She was the recipient of a 15-year service award from the American Cancer Society.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Walter Kitchel of 734 Park Avenue, Plainfield, N. J. and Mrs. Douglas Terhune of Hopewell; two brothers, Peter Van Fleet of Indianapolis, Ind., and Roy Van Fleet of Somerville, and two grandchildren.

Interment was in Highlands Cemetery, Hopewell, N. J.

James G. Gadberry, 89 years of age, of Gadberry, Ky., died December 9, 1967 at the Summit Manor Nursing Home.

Mr. Gadberry was the son of the late James Alfred and Sarah Loy Gadberry of Adair County, Ky. He is a direct descendant of Garret Covenhoven, who emigrated to Kentucky from New Jersey.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ava Gadberry; two sons, Gilbert of Fairplay and Millard of Columbus, Ind., and seven grandchildren.

Interment was in Stone Cemetery at Gadberry.

Maie C. Daily, 70 years of age, died January 21, 1968 at her home, Apt. #109, Rockland Gardens, Nyack, N. Y.

She was born in Nyack, May 11, 1897, and resided there all her life, with the exception of a couple years' residence in Brooklyn, N. Y., following her marriage to Raymond A. Daily.

After the death of her husband in 1932, she was employed by the village of Nyack as assistant village clerk, and later as village clerk, and Board of Water Commissioners, which position she held until retirement in May, 1966. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Nyack and at the time of her death, was its financial secretary.

Mrs. Daily was a longtime member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Her only survivors are several cousins and an aunt. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, N. Y.

If there was an event in your family and you did not find it here, you did not report it to the editor.

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342nd ANNIVERSARY

OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE

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OF THE

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER THE SIXTEENTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN
AMERICAN HOUSE
FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY

— Program —

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REGISTRATION	-	10:30 a.m.
MORNING MEETING		11:00 a.m.

INVOCATION - - Reverend Norman L. Lawrence

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, President

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Secretary	- -	Miss Janice D. Conover
Treasurer	-	Mrs. Robert A. Abrahamson
Historian	-	Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven
Agent-for-Supplies		Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
Editor of the Bulletin	-	Herbert T. Conover
Genealogist	-	Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Cemetery Committee	-	Wilson N. Conover
Nominating Committee	-	Charles P. Conover

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

MOTION PICTURE - - - "Typically Dutch"

Luncheon - 12:30 p.m.

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Afternoon Meeting - 2:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS (See back page)
Conducted by Mrs. Lyle S. Cheney assisted by
Miss Denise Broeren and Mr. and Mrs. Donald V.N. Conover

COLOR SLIDE TALK - - Doctor Louis Walton Sipley
Secretary and Director of the
American Museum of Photography

HYMN—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Lead by Mrs. Walter W. Conover

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

— Memorial Service —

(People standing)

Leader—Mrs. Lyle S. Cheney
Assisted by Miss Denise Broeren

Leader: We dedicate these moments to those of our family who have answered God's call.

Reading by the Leader

It is with great sorrow that we present the following names of members who have entered the Presence of the King.

Leader reads the names of deceased members and flower is placed in vase for each one.

WILLIAM A. K. CONOVER. Woodbury, N. J., died February 27, 1965
ELLA MAE CONOVER, Plainfield, N. J., died December 7, 1965
HAROLD NELSON CONOVER, Port Charlotte, Florida, died February 23, 1966
LAURA B. TOWNSEND, Montclair, N. J., died July 23. 1966
LOUIS EARL CONOVER, Reno, Nevada, died September 6, 1966
HOWARD W. ROBERTS, New Monmouth, N. J., died October 8, 1966
JOHN R. CONOVER, SR., M.D., Dunedin, Florida, died November 28, 1966
IDABEL CONOVER BLACKFORD, N. Plainfield, N. J., died February 28, 1967
ZAREL C. SPEARS, Bedford Hills, N. Y., died May 3, 1967
HELEN E. CONOVER, Wanamassa, N. J., died May 4, 1967
ERNEST R. CONOVER, SR., Tarrytown, N. Y.

Leader: May we bow our heads in prayer.

O God, Thou who are infinite, and whose wisdom is far beyond our ability to understand, we thank Thee for Thy guidance and comfort of the spirit of those who so faithfully lived among us and have returned to Thee. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Vocal Solo—"The Lord's Prayer" - . *Albert Hay Malotte*
Mrs. Donald V.N. Conover, Soloist — Donald V. N. Conover, Accompanist

Ninety-one Years Filled With Useful Living

MRS. ELLA G. FLECK
of Stratford, Conn.

Believe it or not, life can be full, interesting and exciting, even when confined to one's bedroom. That heart attack which felled me in the summer of 1966 was a bad one, particularly in view of my then 91 years. Here I am though, getting a bit stronger every day.

Being bed-ridden has given me a chance to go through my extensive collection of memorabilia and to live again in memory those exciting years when I helped my husband to start a medical practice in Bridgeport, when I was one of a group of eight to organize our Red Cross (serving as first fund raiser) and when I organized the Minute Women of World War I, the Republican Woman's Club and Girl Scouts. My various scrapbook and pictures bring back memories of world travels with Dr. Fleck, my work as a member of the Merritt Parkway Commission, Southbury Training School, Barnum Museum, Bridgeport Art League, juvenile court reform, Bridgeport Forum, World's Fair Committee of 1939 and numerous political hassles. I've relived the thrill I felt so long ago when Dr. Fleck and I were elected to the "Society of the Precious Few," founded by Thomas Edison and consisting of such fine people as Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, Walter Phillips, founder of United Press, and others of like stature.

But I can truthfully say that I have not lived entirely in the past. Presently I am working to induce the government to buy the Queen Mary for use as a hospital — a floating hospital for the wounded boys in Vietnam. I've had cooperation from 35 radio stations, the Associated and United Press, several artists who have done drawings, and from no end of individuals from every walk in life.

I keep in touch by telephone with various boards, committees, community and civic projects which I feel are worthwhile. I read as much as my eyesight will permit.

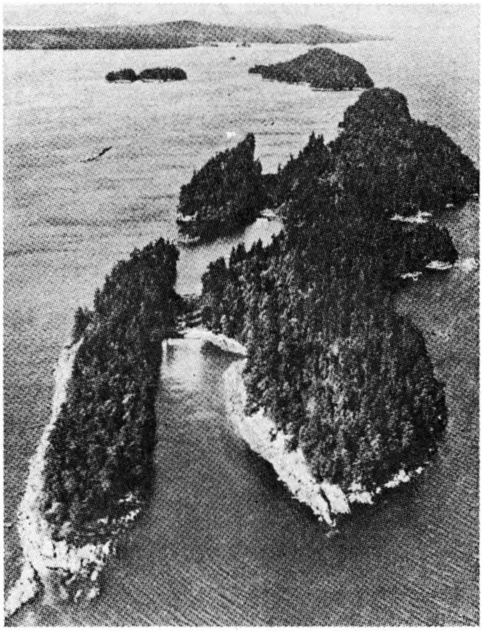
The honors which have come to me recently have touched me deeply. I've felt gratitude and humility. The 50th anniversary of the founding of the Red Cross was a beautiful occasion and the cross of red roses, which was presented to me, is a gift I shall cherish always. I attended the celebration, even though a "chair lift" was necessary to convey me from my bedroom, downtown, and thence to seat me at the table of honored guests.

Southbury Training School hung my portrait, done by pen woman, Dorothy Roussaki, in the hall there which is named for me.

Most surprising of all though was to find myself the "Cover Girl" on the July issue of "County", a nicely-done magazine, reflecting the interest of Fairfield County. Inside was a long article about me, written with dignity and charm by Olivia Camp. I enjoyed and appreciated that very much. — *(Letter to the Editor, August 1, 1967)*

CONSIDER AN ISLAND IF SEEKING A HAVEN

By JOSEPHINE LAWRENCE
In "Bookmarks"


WALLACE ISLAND

The louder the shouting and the tumult, the more insistently that lovely dream of living on an island rises up in the minds and hearts of the distracted. Isolation (the desired degree varies to be sure) promises solace denied by a world apparently suffering a permanent earthquake. If enough dreamers attain their hopes the supply of islands will soon be exhausted, but that "if" is a formidable hurdle. One can still leap over it, perhaps, but geography and economics present increasing difficulties.

It is significant, and hereby called to the attention of all island-dreamers, that "Once Upon an Island," a book by **David Conover,** dates the acquisition of the author's dream island back 20 years. This doesn't diminish the interest in his and his wife's adventures, but it does suggest that more cash may be needed to duplicate their experiences. Also the Conovers were a practical pair and most dreamers lack the ability to recognize reality. An island, the Conovers admitted to each other at the start, doesn't provide shelter, food and raiment, except possibly in the tropics.

Turn to the North

In a way it is refreshing to read of a couple who preferred an island to the north. The Conovers (Californians) settled for one off the British Columbia coast. Not that they picked it blindly from a map. Ten years before his marriage David had been a camp counselor for a boy's camp on Wallace Island. He never forgot that summer and when as an adult the familiar battle with the time-clock and an aircraft plant job began to depress him, the memories of island camp life rose up to haunt him. Fortunately he was married to a girl willing to be haunted by whatever haunted him.

Wallace Island was haunted, too. The first owner had been a miner who brought his fortune in gold from the

Yukon, paid for all purchases in that precious metal, planted apple trees that still bear fruit and lived contentedly as a hermit for 30 years. He was supposed to have buried a cache of gold, but it has never been discovered. The young Conovers were short on gold, but they did have ideas: they planned to build summer cottages on their island, rent them and make a living selling contentment and peace.

Risky Investment

There doesn't seem to be much difference between taking a plunge in Wall Street and hocking one's future to buy an island. To finance the purchase of Wallace Island, took everything the Conovers had — a few war bonds, small savings account, a house not quite paid for. They give the complete details and anyone over 30 will be horrified to read of the wholesale conflagration of bridges. However, concentrated determination, plus a one-track mind, carried the pair through money morasses, very real predicaments and occasional, natural marital friction. In retrospect it is rather overwhelming, but taken a day at a time it worked out.

It wasn't easy going and progress can be slow, even in Eden. But "once into an ordeal, you're too busy making the most of it to be afraid," the author writes. When, finally, after backbreaking labor and paralyzing financial perils, the Conovers received their first summer guests, a whole new set of problems arrived with them. Not all summer tourists adjust reasonably and happily to getting away from it all, but the Conovers learned to cope with these reactions philosophically.

Attitudes Count

Outline your dreams when young and be prepared to work at them indefatigably, is the advice to be distilled from this true story. David Conover worked a good deal harder on the island project than he had ever worked at the aircraft plant, but self-imposed burdens are light. And his wife kept step with him — a man who longs for the simple life should never marry a woman who yearns for the bright lights. The Conovers have the ideal arrangement worked out for themselves: "During the tourist invasion, we bank enough of society to last the winter; in winter, we bank enough privacy to carry us through the busy summer." — *("Bookmarks," Newark Sunday News, June 9, 1968)*

Chapter headings in "Once Upon an Island": Island Fever, Burning Our Bridges, The Desperate Voyage, Bridgehead on Eden, Funny Wooden Blocks, Noah's Ark, Brown Water, Mr. & Mrs. Crusoe, The Mysterious Plague, Lesson from the Sea, Mail Order Christmas, Mutinous Cargo, Jeanne Gets Her Gun, Friday the 13th, God at the Tiller, Anniversary, "And Not a Drop to Drink", Beef Hearts for Bruno, and The Great Gamble.

The book is published by Crown Publishers, New York.

Wallace Island (5 **** Units)—Private evergreen island for discriminating families. Royal cedar cottages fully furnished. Rumpus room, lounge, large library, store, boats, great salmon fishing. For brochure, write David Conover, Wallace Island, Ganges. — *(British Columbia Tourist Directory)*

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— Conographs —

Completes 15 Years as Executive Secy.

Miss **Ada C. Conover** of 418 Colvin Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y., has completed 15 years as executive secretary of the Cancer Detection Center at Meyer Memorial Hospital in Buffalo. The center is in, but independent of the hospital.

MISS ADA C. CONOVER

Miss Conover has charge of all office work, supervises the clinic when in operation, takes care of all purchases and the hiring of personnel.

What else is involved? Miss Conover puts all "first timers" at ease. In classroom teacher fashion, she tells each clinic group what's ahead. Her briefing comes after each person has reported at the center office for a health history interview. — *(Tonawanda News, N. Y., April 29, 1967)*

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Named Trustee for Junior College

The board of trustees which will build and operate Atlantic County's two-year community college was appointed by Freeholder Director Howard F. Haneman at the April meeting of the Board of Freeholders on Wednesday.

Director Haneman named eight persons prominent in the educational, civic and professional life of the county to the board. They will serve with John S. Helmbold, county superintendent of schools, who becomes a board member under the statute governing community colleges.

Among the eight appointed is **Mrs. Eleanor C. Yaeger** of Pleasantville, N. J., a retired principal of Park Avenue School, Pleasantville. — *(Atlantic City, N. J., Press)*

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Heads National Association Committee

H. Richard Conover, principal of the Millburn Junior High School, has been appointed by the board of directors of the National Association of Secondary School Principals to serve as chairman of the Committee on Junior High and Middle School Education for a two-year term beginning July 1.

Last year as a member of the committee, Mr. Conover helped prepare a statement which was distributed to the more than 30,000 members of the NASSP, on recommended grades or years in Junior High or Middle Schools.

During the previous year he served on the subcommittee on the study of the Junior High School Principalship. In February, 1966, at the National Convention in Cleveland, he presented the committee's report at one of the general sessions.

For the past six years he has served as secretary of the New Jersey Association of Secondary School Administrators and as a member of the Executive Committee.

As an officer of the state association, Mr. Conover also serves on the National Advisory Council of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. This council meets twice a year to discuss current educational problems and concerns and then advises the board of directors of the National Association on actions to be taken. — *(Millburn-Short Hills Item, June 8, 1967)*

Installed as President of BPW Club

New officers of the Business and Professional Women's Club of New Jersey and of the Plainfields were installed last night at King George Inn, Warren. **Miss Lorraine Conover** of 124 Westervelt Avenue, North Plainfield, N. J. was installed as president. — *(Plainfield Courier-News, June 14, 1967)*

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Presented an Award for Scholarship

The Franklin Township Lions Memorial Scholarship for 1967 has been awarded to **Miss Mary Ann Conover**, a graduate of Franklin High School.

Miss Conover, who will attend Douglass College in the fall, has maintained an A average throughout her high school career and is a member of the National Honor Society. She also received awards in stenography and typing, and excellence in English award and an honor roll certificate.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Conover. While at Franklin High, she served as president of the Future Business Leaders of America, was business editor of the yearbook, a candystriper at Princeton Hospital, a member of science, math, pep, host-hostess and Spanish clubs and the choir. She also took a part-time job during her senior year. — *(Princeton Packet, Princeton, N. J., June 29, 1967)*

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Student for the Gospel Ministry

The Peapack Reformed Church was the host last Tuesday to the regular meeting of the Classis of Raritan, Reformed Church in America.

In a service conducted by the Rev. Frank Villerius, chairman of the Committee on Education, **Garrett J. Conover** of Blawenburg, N. J. was received under the care of Classis as a student for the Gospel Ministry. In all, Classis now has eight young men under its care studying for the Gospel Ministry. —*(Somerset Hills Exponent, June 29, 1967)*

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A 4-H Fashion Show Winner

At the annual New Jersey 4-H Fashion Review to be held tomorrow in New Brunswick, a total of 145 girls, who had received ratings of excellent in county 4-H fashion judging throughout the state, were eligible for the competition.

The first-place winner, **Margaret Ann Conover**, 19, of Pemberton, will represent New Jersey at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, November 26-30.—*(Easton, Pa. Express, Sept. 8, 1967)*

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Serves Off Vietnam

Lieut. (j.g.) Edward M. Conover, USN, of 95 Vander Veer Avenue, Somerville, N. J., is serving aboard the USS Tioga County (LST-1158) which has been operating up and down the northern coast of Vietnam. She has been engaged in putting combat-equipped Marines ashore in the vicinity of Song Cua Dai and on the coastal plain of Tinh Quang Nam Province, a Viet Cong stronghold. — *(Somerset Messenger, Somerville, N. J., Sept. 21, 1967)*

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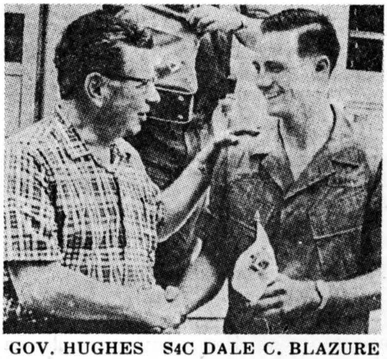
Governor Tells Blazure's Son Is Fine

Heart in mouth, **Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Conover Blazure** of Pottersville, N. J., kept getting phone calls last week, from newspaper men, the Red Cross and Gov. Richard J. Hughes.



GOV. HUGHES S4C DALE C. BLAZURE

Their son, Army Specialist 4th Class **Dale C. Blazure**, is in Vietnam. But all the news was good.

The young soldier served as personal bodyguard to Hughes on the Governor's tour of South Vietnam to observe the republic's elections.

Gov. Hughes, as soon as he returned to the States, telephoned the Blazures to report their son in good health and spirits.

The Newark News called to get background on the Pottersville youth, to go with a picture of Hughes and Blazure.

The Red Cross phoned to say that Dale, recently hospitalized with a mysterious fever, was recovered and well, although he's lost 35 pounds. He once weighed 205.

Blazure, a six-foot-two-inch baseball and basketball star at North Hunterdon Central High School until his graduation in 1965, is with the 272nd Military Police Company along the eastern Vietnam shoreline.

His chief job, which sometimes takes 16 to 18 hours a day, is convoying Vietnam prisoners to stockades and POW camps from the battle zones.

He sleeps in a concrete bunker built by the French when they occupied Indo-China. That is, he's told his family, he sleeps when not awakened in the middle of the night to hop a helicopter and pick up prisoners.

Specialist Blazure has been in Vietnam for 10 months, and has two more months to go before coming home. He entered the Army on June 2, 1966, for a two-year hitch. He took basic training at Fort Dix, and advanced training at Fort Gordon, Ga., where he was honored as the outstanding graduate of his Military Police class.

At North Hunterdon Regional his athletic record also was outstanding, and he was scouted and offered a contract by the Philadelphia Phillies.

Dale's father is a realtor in Oldwick and serves on the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation. — *(The Democrat, Flemington, N. J., Sept. 21, 1967)*

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Family Portraits on Show

Several dozen Monmouth County families have taken portraits of their ancestors off the mantlepiece to have them exhibited for a month by the Monmouth Museum.

The largest group of portraits — 17 — are pastels by Micah Williams (1781-1837), who lived most of his life in New Brunswick. Williams was an untrained primitive painter, but his subjects appear vigorously distinctive. For sober people they are painted against surprisingly bright backgrounds.

The Williams paintings were assembled by Mrs. Bruce Cortelyou, Jr. of Rumson, whose research solved the mystery of the artist's identity. For many years collectors thought his name was "**Henry Conover,**" because the initials HC appeared in the corner of one of his paintings. Actually, Mrs. Cortelyou discovered, Henry Conover was the name of the sitter, not the artist. She found Williams' name written on the back of old newspapers which were used as backing for several paintings.

In the exhibit there are portraits by Williams of two other **Conovers, Daniel and his wife Margaret,** painted about 1820. They are being loaned by a great-great-grandson, **Walter Conover,** of Fair Haven, N. J. — *(Newark, N. J. Sunday News, Oct. 1, 1967)*

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Ambulance Corps Receives Gift

Robert J. Conover, of Conover's Pharmacy, Cape May Court House, N. J., presented a manual resuscitator to the Middle Township Ambulance Corps during National Pharmacy Week. — *(Cape May County Gazette, Cape May Court House, N. J., Oct. 19, 1967)*

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A Police Course Graduate

Among the 63 members of the 102nd Municipal Police Class, trained at Sea Girt, to be graduated tomorrow is Patrolman **William C. Conover** of Pleasantville, N. J.—*(Mainland Journal, Pleasantville, N. J., Nov. 2, 1967)*

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Two Conover Brothers in the Service

George Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Conover of Dias Creek, N. J., is serving in Vietnam with an Army Aviation Battalion.

James Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Conover of Dias Creek, N. J., has just completed his training at the Coast Guard Training Center at Cape May and is going to Governors Island, N. Y., for reassignment.—*(Cape May Court House Gazette, Nov. 2, 1967)*

Becomes Chairman of Bank Board

The reorganization of the top personnel of the Livingston National Bank, Livingston, N. J., ends the 18-year tenure in the presidency for **William H. Conover** of Chester, N. J., who has become chairman of the bank's board of directors.

During Mr. Conover's presidency the bank has become one of the largest and most successful of Essex County's suburban banks. Its assets as of Dec. 31 were a record $30,047,628, up $2,425,291 over the previous year. Deposits were $27,216,774, up $2,115,207.

Even more important to stockholders, the bank had net operating earnings last year of $221,411, up $76,254 or 52.5% over 1966. After year-end adjustments, the profit retained was $230,263.

Mr. Conover started out in banking in 1911 with the former North Ward National Bank in Newark and then worked for the Federal Reserve Bank in New York City. He went with Livingston National in 1927 as cashier and rose to be president by 1950. He has been active in many banking and civic organizations. He lives on Larison Road in Chester, N. J.—*(Newark Evening News, Newark, N. J., Jan. 25, 1968)*

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Wins French Honor

Wallace Conover, Jr. of Northridge, Calif., formerly of Somerville, N. J., was recently decorated with the French Mousquetaire medallion at a ceremony in Paris, France, by the Duke of de Montesquiou. Conover is an International Telephone & Telegraph Cannon executive.

The history of the French Mousquetaires dates back to the time of the true French monarchs. In those days Mousquetaires were basically the king's personal guards. Today they are named for special recognition of service to France.

Becoming an honorary French Mousquetaire is considered an honor for any American. The presentation ceremony is held at the chateau of the Duke of Montesquiou in old world tradition. With full television and press coverage, the Duke himself places the Mousquetaire medal on each recipient and follows with the French custom of a kiss on each cheek.

Conover was one of five recipients in the recent ceremony. The late President John F. Kennedy was a member of this distinguished honorary group.—*(Somerset Gazette, Somerville, N. J., Feb. 1, 1968)*

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Wins Navy League Tribute

The honoring of **G. Wallace Conover** of Somerville, N. J. as recipient of its "Scroll of Honor" highlights the Hunterdon - Somerset Council Navy League's annual joint meeting with area service clubs on Thursday, February 22, at Far Hills Inn.

G. WALLACE CONOVER (right)

The Scroll of Honor is the highest citation that the Navy League can bestow on a citizen, and is the first ever to be conferred by the Hunterdon-Somerset Council, according to Walter Radcliffe of Basking Ridge, Council president. The award is being tendered for Conover's efforts in providing better understanding and improving the image of the men in the uniform of the armed forces.

Chief speaker will be Rear Admiral Robert R. Crutchfield, Assistant Chief, Navy Personnel (Plans and Programs), who is stationed in Washington, D. C.

A former president of the New Jersey Press Association and long-time editor of the Somerset Messenger-Gazette. Conover has long been associated with civic and service endeavors.

From his days as an underage battleship sailor on the USS Georgia at the close of World War I, to his service as a boatswain's mate in the Coast Guard Reserve in World War II, to service as fire chief of the Borough of Somerville, to the presidency of the Revolutionary Memorial Society of New Jersey, Conover is well-known throughout the state. — *(Somerset Hills Exponent, Feb. 15, 1968)*

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Renamed to a Second Term

Dr. John W. Conover, 3rd, who has just completed a five-year term on the Absecon School Board, has been appointed to a second term by Mayor Warren C. Irelan.

Dr. Conover was elected president of the board at last year's reorganization meeting succeeding Fred Lange. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry. He served in the U. S. Navy three years.

He was vice president of the Atlantic County Historical Society and a past president of the Atlantic City Trapshooting Association, and a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Dr. Conover has been a resident of Absecon for more than 15 years. He and his wife have three children, Nancy Lynn, John, 4th and Mark. — *(Mainland Journal, Pleasantville, N.J., Feb. 1, 1968)*

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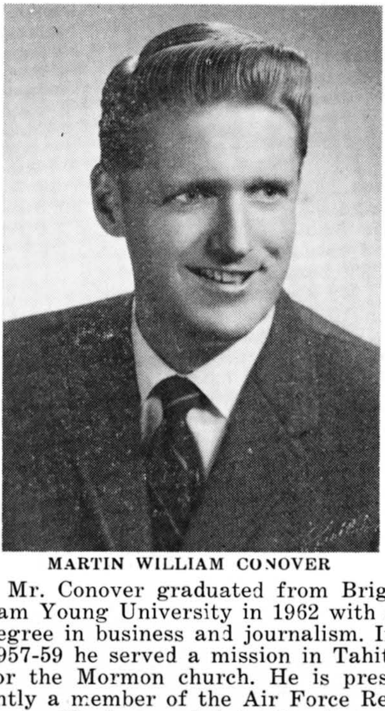
Gains Post in Press Association

Martin William Conover of 710 South, 800 East, Springville, Utah, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Utah State Press Association during a recent convention in Salt Lake City. Mr. Conover is the publisher of three weekly newspapers in Utah, the Springville Herald, the Mount Pleasant Pyramid, and the Eureka Reporter. He also heads the Art City Publishing Company.

Mr. Conover, who is 32 years old, also serves as the Chamber of Commerce president for the city of Springville this year and is serving his second term as precinct chairman for the Republican Party in Springville. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and has served on its board of directors.



MARTIN WILLIAM CONOVER

Mr. Conover graduated from Brigham Young University in 1962 with a degree in business and journalism. In 1957-59 he served a mission in Tahiti for the Mormon church. He is presently a member of the Air Force Reserve. He is married to the former Patricia Olsen and they have two children, Craig, 5, and Christin, 1.

Mr. Conover is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison W. Conover and a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilson Conover. He is a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. — *(Springville, Utah, March 19, 1968)*

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Cited for His Work

James Conover, who has served Galloway Township since April 29, 1942, came in for praise from the township committee when announcement of his retirement was made Monday night.

Conover has served as constable, building inspector, road foreman and equipment operator.

His retirement after 26 years is effective April 1. A resolution expressed the thanks of the committee.

Committeeman Thomas Pappas noting Conover in the audience, cited him as a "dedicated public servant." Mayor Thomas Sartorio added his comment, saying he hoped Conover would catch some big ones, now that he will have time to fish. — *(Mainland Journal, Pleasantville, N. J., May 9, 1968)*

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Installed as President

Miss Shirley Conover of Annandale, N. J., was installed as incoming president of the Hunterdon County Legal Secretaries Association at a dinner meeting May 13 at the Lambertville House, Lambertville, N. J.—*(Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington, N. J., May 16, 1968)*

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Graduates from State Police School

James H. Conover of Lambertville, N. J. and Richard L. Jones of Milford, N. J., will graduate from the 75th State Police training class in West Trenton tomorrow, according to Col. D. B. Kelly, superintendent.

Following the graduation exercises at which Governor Hughes will deliver an address, the men will report to their troop headquarters May 20 for station assignments.

The probationary troopers will work with trooper-coaches for two months, during which they will learn field operations. They will then return to the State Police Academy for two more weeks of in-service training, completing 22 weeks of training.

Conover is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Conover of Cedar Crest Acres, Ringoes, N. J. He attended South Hunterdon Regional High School and spent four years in the Marine Corps. He is married to the former Linda Dunn and lives at 41 Delevan St., Lambertville, N. J., with daughter Heather, 2.

Trooper Conover will receive a Troop C, Central Jersey assignment. Following their two-month field training, they will then receive a permanent assignment.—*(Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemingtn, N. J., May 16, 1968)*

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Named President of Horse Association

Clarence Conover Blazure of Pottersville, N. J., was elected the first president of the newly organized Hunterdon County Horse and Pony Association at its first official meeting held at the Hunterdon County Extension Center.

Over 80 persons attended the meeting, elected officers and trustees, and adopted a constitution and by-laws.

Blazure, who operates his own real estate and insurance firm in Oldwick, has a horse and pony side-line on his 17-acre farm near Pottersville. Mr. and Mrs. Blazure have two sons, one soon to be released from the Armed Forces, the other a senior at North Hunterdon Regional High School. Blazure and wife have several racing ponies, and are members of the Spruce Run Pony Trotting Association.

The boys own the Western and English horses in the family horse operation and were active in 4-H projects. This is where, as Mrs. Blazure points out, the whole thing got started. — *(Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington, N. J., May 23, 1968)*

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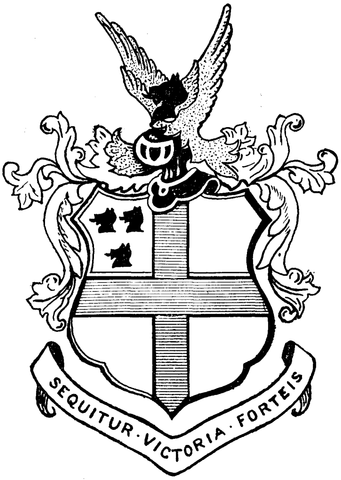
Elected to N. J. Student Association

Cindy Conover, daughter of Mrs. Rita Conover of Cold Hill Road, Brookside, N. J., has been elected a member of the Executive Council of the Student New Jersey Education Association. She was named High School Member at Large of the Council at the Association's annual meeting April 27 at the YMCA Camp in Blairstown. This is the first time a West Morris student has been named to the Council.

Cindy is a sophomore at West Morris, and is the youngest member ever elected to the Association. — *(Observer-Tribune, Mendham, N. J., May 23, 1968)*



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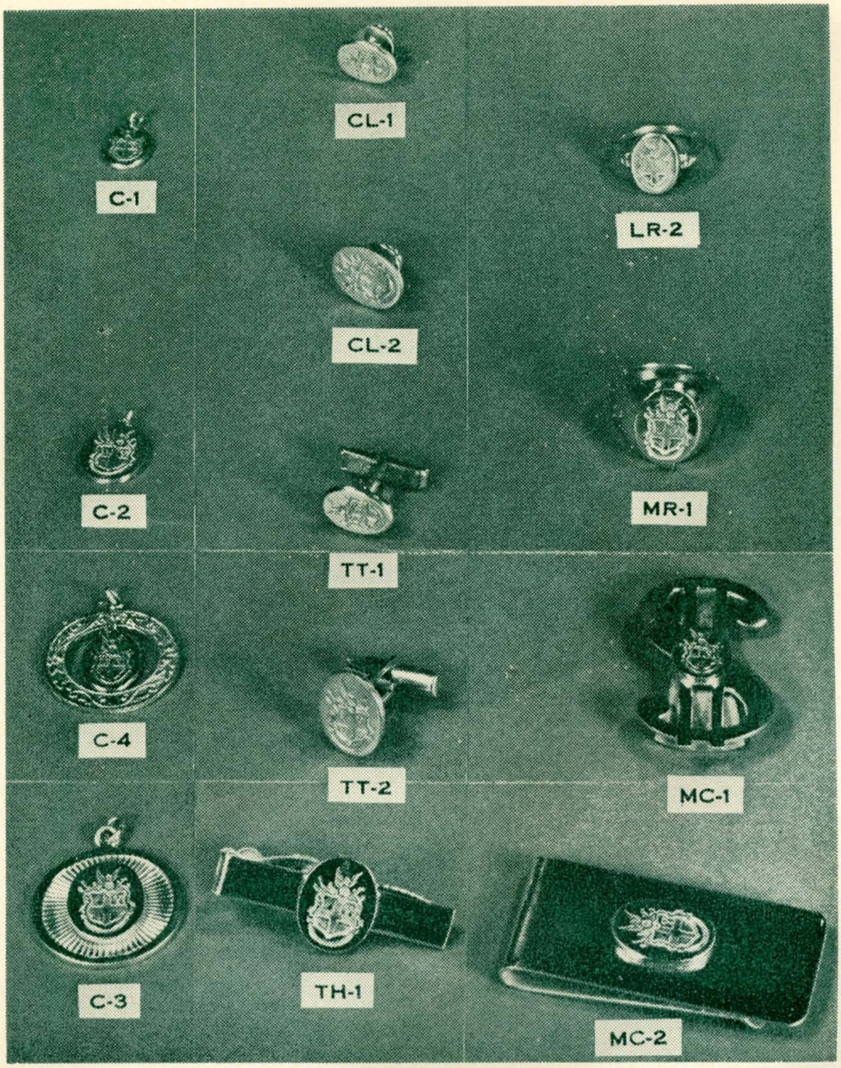
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SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE

343rd Anniversary and 72nd Annual Reunion

OF THE

VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 12, 1968

The 72nd Annual Reunion of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association held on Saturday, October 12, 1968, at the Chalfont-Haddon Hall in Atlantic City, N. J., was attended by approximately 100 members and guests.

On Friday evening there was a Dutch-treat dinner for those arriving early. After dinner, Jack Boucher, Supervisor of Historic Sites, Department of Conservation and Economic Development of the State of New Jersey, spoke on the possibility of our association using the old Dutch parsonage in Somerville as a Headquarters and for trustees' meetings. There would be no cost to the association.

Registration began at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday morning. At 11:00 A.M. the morning session was called to order by the President, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven. After welcoming the members, their families and guests, the President called upon the Reverend Norman L. Lawrence, who delivered the invocation.

The President reviewed some of the significant things that had happened during the preceding eight years. He explained how the Board of Trustees is organized and how it functions. He pointed out that over the years, many trustees had served as members and chairmen of various committees and as officers and deserved credit for the progress that had been made. The President requested that all trustees come forward so that they could be personally introduced. In closing, the President asked that if there were anyone interested in serving as trustee, he or she make the fact known to one of the officers.

Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Genealogist, read the names of twenty-seven new members of whom three were present and were introduced.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Robert A. Abrahamson, reported a balance on hand of $2,285.54.

Mr. Wilson Conover, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, reported that work on development of the property adjacent to the Conover-Schenck Cemetery in Holmdel was at a standstill but probably would go forward in the spring. There is provision for an access road to the cemetery.

Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies, reported that supplies sold since the last reunion amounted to $408.60.

The President then announced that the Board of Trustees had been constituted by him as a Nominating Committee of the Whole, which reported as follows with regard to Officers and Trustees:

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There being no other nominations, nominations were declared closed. On motion, the Secretary was authorized to cast one ballot bearing the names of the nominees who were declared duly elected.

The retiring president then presented Mr. Thomas S. Roberts, the newly elected president, with the gavel, symbolic of his authority.

Color prints of the family coat of arms were presented to Miss Mildred L. Mitchell of Boston, Mass., who had traveled the farthest; to John Abrahamson of Absecon, who at 1 year 11 months was the youngest; and to James Conover of Princeton, 83 years old and once again the oldest person present.

The chairman asked if anyone wished to bring anything before the meeting. Mrs. Harriet Stryker-Rodda suggested that since some lineage papers have been outstanding for five years or more, there should be a time limit established within which papers have to be returned, thereby enabling the genealogist to clear her files periodically by removing inactive papers.

Mr. Angelo Conover asked why the reunion date had been changed from June to September and then October. The chairman explained that this had been done by the trustees as an experiment because there had been quite a bit of criticism of June because of the hot weather. The chairman said that the trustees were always anxious to be responsive to the wishes of the members and asked for a show of hands, first as to June and then as to the fall. Votes were about equally divided and there was no strong preference for one time as against the other.

There being no further business, the chairman announced that a buffet luncheon would be served in the Rutland Room and requested Reverend Lawrence to ask the blessing.

The afternoon session convened at 2:00 P.M., at which time the memorial service for deceased members was conducted by Mrs. Helen Dawley, assisted by Miss Jennifer Reagan. Mr. S. Layton Smick sang "The Lord's Prayer", accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Smick.

After the memorial service, the chairman drew attention to the fact that on this occasion we were observing the 275th anniversary of the founding of Somers Point and also the 300th anniversary of the birth of Pieter Cownover, one of the original settlers of Somerset Plantation, now known as Somers Point. The chairman then called upon Mr. Don Balsley, City Clerk of Somers Point, who extended official greetings in behalf of Mayor George F. Roberts.

Two vocal selections. "Hills of Home" and "What a Wonderful World", were sung by Mr. S. Layton Smick, accompanied by Mrs. Smick. By request, Mr. Smick led the group in singing "Faith of Our Fathers".

Donald Sinclair, an historian and the Curator of Manuscript Collections, Rutgers University, spoke on the background of our forebearers.

Mr. Walter Kitchel presented the chairman with a book entitled "Once Upon an Island" by David B. Conover. The following was inscribed on the flyleaf:

> "For Arthur — in grateful recognition for your many years of faithful and dedicated service as President of our Association.
> (Sgd) Your friends in the Family Association."

The following resolutions were proposed and adopted in turn by formal motions:

> "The Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association wishes to express to its retiring president, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, gratitude and commendation for distinguished and effective service to the Association for four successive terms." and,
> "The Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association gratefully acknowledges the loyal service rendered by its retiring secretary, Miss Janice D. Conover." and,
> "The Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association recognizes with gratitude the varied and essential services rendered by its retiring First Vice President, Donald V. N. Conover."

The meeting was then closed in the traditional manner by all joining hands and singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" led by Mrs. Walter W. Conover.

Evening activities consisted of an informal reception in the lounge of the "Rose and Thistle" and a Dutch-treat Dinner in Wedgewood Room II.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE D. CONOVER, Secretary

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Report of the Board of Trustees' Fall (1968) Meeting

The Fall meeting of the Board of Trustees was held immediately following the Annual Meeting at the Chalfont-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, N. J., on October 12, 1968, with nineteen trustees and two guests present.

Thomas S. Roberts, President, presided and in the absence of Mrs. Lola S. Cheney, Secretary, Mrs. Helen C. Roberts took the minutes of the meeting.

The reading of the minutes of the last Trustee meeting were dispensed with as they will appear in the Bulletin. The report of the Treasurer was given and accepted at the regular meeting.

Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom reported one application for membership, Mrs. John S. Pleasants, 2925 Sierra Vista, Albuquerque, New Mexico, which was accepted into membership.

The president welcomed Mrs. Harriet Stryker-Rodda as a new Trustee.

Appointed by the president to serve as a Cemetery Committee were Wilson Conover as chairman, Mrs. Helen Dawley and Edward Conover; as a Nominating Committee, Walter Kitchel as chairman, Charles Bird and Stephen Conover.

In the matter of having the Annual Reunion in the summer or fall, a showing of hands indicated eight for summer and nine for fall. the president to appoint a committee to go ahead with plans for the next Annual Reunion.

A letter of resignation was received from Mrs. Estelle (Willis) Conover and it was decided not to accept the resignation and that Mrs. Herbert Conover write to Mrs. Estelle Conover explaining why the resignation was not accepted, and that she be continued as a member.

Mrs. Robert Abrahamson, Treasurer, stated that she has received letters from elderly members who had resigned because they were unable to pay the dues. Arthur Kouwenhoven, past president, pointed out that this was provided for in the By-Laws "Section 4, Art. 1: Dues were to be suspended if the Trustees considered the member to be a hardship case."

A letter was received from the manufacturer of our jewelry stating that an increase of 10% on the jewelry is in effect.

It was decided that the next Trustee meeting will be held on April 12, 1969 and a committee be appointed to make arrangements.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

MRS. HELEN C. ROBERTS, Acting Secretary

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Report of the Board of Trustees' Spring (1969) Meeting

APRIL 12, 1969 AT PRINCETON INN
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Thomas S. Roberts, President, presided over the meeting which was attended by sixteen members and eight guests. The minutes of the October 12, 1968 meeting were approved as read.

Mrs. Robert A. Abrahamson, Treasurer, reported a balance on hand of $1,868.27 including $214.51 in the Cemetery account.

Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom read the names of sixteen applicants for membership. Upon motion made and carried they were accepted as Associate members and, upon verification of lineage by the genealogist, those who qualify will automatically become Ancestral members.

Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Agent for Supplies, turned over to the Treasurer $53.66 for the sale of jewelry and supplies since her last report.

Wilson Conover, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, reported that development around the Conover-Schenck Cemetery has started and that efforts are continuing to provide some means for protection. Thomas Roberts and Wilson Conover did the usual spring clean-up of the cemetery.

Charles A. Bird of the Nominating Committee, read the following names for election or re-election to the Board of Trustees for the years 1969-72:

Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson, Absecon, N. J.
Charles P. Conover, Gladstone, N. J.
Harold A. Conover, Elizabeth, N. J.
Miss Janice D. Conover, Somerville, N. J.
Miss Lorraine Conover, North Plainfield, N. J.
Mrs. Harriet Stryker-Rodda, Elizabeth, N. J.
William R. Conover, Allenhurst, N. J.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that the Nominating Committee report be accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 for luncheon and re-convened at 1:45 P.M.

Thomas A. Roberts, President, announced that the Annual Reunion will be held in the Colts Neck Reformed Church, Colts Neck, N. J., on Saturday, September 13, 1969. Advance notices of the Reunion to go out early in June. Considerable discussion followed and suggestion that part of the program be planned to interest the younger members of the family. Mrs. Stryker-Rodda and Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson volunteered to help.

A suggestion was made that invitations to the Reunion be extended to people other than members who might be interested in attending the Reunion and becoming members of the Association. This suggestion was adopted by vote.

Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom reported that an offer to use the old Dutch Parsonage in Somerville, N. J. as headquarters had been extended to the Association. This Parsonage is owned and maintained by the New Jersey Department of Conservation and Economic Development as an Historic House Museum. Motion was made and carried that this Association accept the offer.

Stephen Conover volunteered to make arrangements for the Fall Trustees Meeting. Tentative dates are October 25 and November 1.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

MRS. HELEN C. ROBERTS, Acting Secretary

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New Members

Accepted at the Trustees' April 12, 1969 meeting were:

Mrs. David E. Terwilliger, 14 Norwood Road, Marmora, N. J.
Mrs. George H. Young, 709 Trenton Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach, N. J.
Orlin LeRoy Ireland, 3975 Donald Street, Eugene, Oregon 97405
Richard Fleming Conover, 211 North Jerome Avenue, Margate City, N. J.
Mrs. John S. Pleasants, 2925 Sierra Vista, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107
Mrs. Robert L. Smith, 138 Church Street, Westernport, Maryland 21562
Miss Lillian M. Smires, Old Schoolhouse Lane, Columbus, N. J. 08022
Mrs. Joseph H. Lennox, 12302 Third Helena Drive, Los Angeles, Calif. 90049
Mrs. Arthur L. Wheeler, 802 Orchard Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach, N. J.
Franklin Conover, 320 East Tenth Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935
Donald Joseph Conover, Sr., P.O. Box 146, Chesterton, Indiana
Mrs. Josephine J. Nowell, 2026 East Third Street, Tucson, Arizona 85719
Miss Marguerite F. Coligan, 224D Hillcrest Ave., Collingswood, N. J. 08108
Howard Elston Conover, Jr., 110 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Absecon, N. J. 08201
Mrs. Harold Nelson Conover, 149 S.E. Peckham St., Port Charlotte, Fla. 33950

Recent Events in the Family Circle

— Births —

Benjamin Reynolds Conover, born January 16, 1969 to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Conover of 69 J. F. Kenneystrasse, 666 Zuelbrucken, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. John M. Conover of 95 Vander Veer Avenue, Somerville, N. J. are the baby's paternal grandparents.

Colby Robert Conover, born April 4, 1969 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Conover of 13 Sherman Avenue, Morris Plains, N. J., at Wichita General Hospital, Wichita, Kansas.

Colleen Mary Conover, born April 4, 1969 to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Conover of 12201 Academy Way, Apt. 12, Rockville, Maryland.

Peter Alan Conover, born May 30, 1969, at St. Clara's Hospital, Denville, N. J., to Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Conover of Larison Road, Chester, N. J.

Amy Ruth Chatfield, born March 29, 1969 to the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Donald F. Chatfield of Evanston, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. C. V. L. Conover of Belle Mead, N. J. are the baby's great-grandparents.

Carrie Elizabeth Macri, born April 10, 1969 to Mr. and Mrs. James Macri, at Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, N. J.

Jonathan Brewster Parker, born June 25, 1968 to Mr. and Mrs. David Brewster Parker of Chicago, Illinois.

— Marriages —

Robert Arnold Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Conover of Colts Neck, N. J., and Sandra Jeanne Lindstedt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lindstedt of 33 Davis Avenue, Mt. Fern, N. J., were married August 24, 1968 in the chapel of the First Memorial Presbyterian Church, Dover, N. J.

— Anniversaries —

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. L. Conover of Bridgepoint Road, Skillman, N. J., observed their 50th wedding anniversary on November 20, 1968.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lake of Line Road, Belle Mead, N. J., observed their 45th wedding anniversary.

— Deaths —

Beatrice Y. Conover, 70 years of age, of 807 New York Road, Conovertown, Absecon, N. J., died January 16, 1969 in an area nursing home.

Mrs. Conover was a lifelong resident of Conovertown and operated the General Store here for 45 years.

She was a member of the Absecon United Methodist Church, a past president of the former Conovertown School PTA, a past president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Bayview Volunteer Fire Co., and treasurer of the Bayview Sunday School.

Survivors include three daughters: Mrs. Thelma Irelan and Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson, both of Conovertown, and Miss Lillian Conover of Long Island, N. Y.; a son, Howard E. Conover of Conovertown and eight grandchildren.

Interment was in Absecon Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

C. Arthur Conover, 64 years of age, of 194 Review Avenue, Lawrenceville, N. J., died February 17, 1969 in Helene Fuld Hospital.

He was employed by the DeVaval Turbine Company and was a member of Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church. He is survived by several cousins.

Interment was in Ewing Cemetery.

Charles Leigh Conover. 27 years of age, of Quakertown, N. J., died May 28, 1969 in Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J., from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

Born in Easton, Pa., February 22, 1942, he was the son of Charles W. and Thisbe Leaver Conover. He lived in Quakertown all his life except during eight years when he served in the U. S. Air Force. He was discharged April 25, 1969, with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He had twice been stationed in Thailand.

He was graduated from Franklin Township Elementary School and from North Hunterdon Regional High School in 1960.

He is survived in addition to his parents, by a son, Troy Conover of Lake Charles, La., and a sister, Mrs. Earl Piell of Stewartsville, N. J.

Interment was in Locust Grove Cemetery, Quakertown, N. J.

(See pages 282 and 283)

Chester A. Conover, 76 years of age, died April 24, 1969, at his home 102 Forman Ave., Point Pleasant Beach, N. J.

Mr. Conover was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William H. Conover of Dayton, N.J. He married June 8, 1912, Francenia Harvey, a daughter of the late George and Francenia Harvey of Trenton, N. J.

Surviving are his widow; a son, C. Harvey Conover of Point Pleasant, N. J. and a granddaughter, Gail A. Conover.

Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Brielle, N. J.

Dale R. Conover, 38 years of age, an English teacher at Easton Junior High School, was found dead at his home 122 Bullman Street, Phillipsburg, N. J. on November 11, 1968.

Mr. Conover joined the faculty at Easton Junior High School in September, 1963. He was advisor to the editorial staff of The Reflections and The Courier. The Reflections won first place and The Courier took second place this year in Pennsylvania competition.

He was also advisor to the Easton Area High School and the Easton Junior High School debating teams. In 1966-67, the debating team at Easton Junior High School won the Lehigh Valley championship under his direction.

Mr. Conover was a graduate of Bucknell University, class of 1957. He majored in political science. He graduated from Phillipsburg High School where he played football and basketball. He won three letters in track, being a high jumper.

After graduation from Bucknell, he was appointed to the faculty of Peddie School, Hightstown, N. J., where he taught history. He later taught history at Merchantville High School.

He served four years in the U. S. Navy and took graduate courses at Temple University.

Born in Phillipsburg, September 18, 1930, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lester Conover.

A pioneer in the teaching of linguistics, which is a structural approach to the teaching of English grammar, he taught three years in an experimental program at Easton Junior High until 1967.

At Bucknell he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity and Kappa Phi Kappa educational honorary fraternity.

He is survived by a brother in Steubenville, Ohio.

Earl G. Conover died October 8, 1968 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Warren of 15 Barney Road, Elnora, N. Y.

Surviving, besides his daughter, Mrs. Warren, are his wife, Carrie Bercaugh Conover; a sister, Mrs. Maude Taylor of Fairfield, N. J., and a brother, James B. Conover of Easton, Pa.

Interment was in Restland Memorial Park, East Honover, N. J.

Ernal D. Conover, 70 years of age, of 258 North New Road, Pleasantville, N. J., died March 23, 1969 at his home.

Born in Conovertown, he had lived in this area all his life. He was a taxi driver in Pleasantville.

He was a precinct captain for the Republican Club, a member of the Inlet Social Club of Atlantic City, and the Happy-Go-Lucky Gunning Club of Oceanville.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; a step-daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Lamoreaux of Absecon; a step-son, Constant Nowen of Absecon; a sister, Mrs. Rose Nelson of Absecon; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Georgia Crocker Conover, 73 years of age, of 11 Lloyd Court, Nutley, N. J., died May 16, 1969 in St. Mary's Hospital, Passaic, N. J.

Mrs. Conover was born in Newark, but had lived in Nutley the last 72 years. She was a member of the Grace Episcopal Church, Nutley.

She is survived by her husband, Garrett E. Conover; a son, Richard Conover of Nutley, and five grandchildren.

Interment was in East Ridgelawn Cemetery.

Gladys A. Conover, 57 years of age, of Ringoes, N. J., died January 19, 1969 in Doylestown Hospital, Doylestown, Pa.

Mrs. Conover was the wife of Harvey A. Conover. She resided in Cedar Crest Acres, Ringoes, for the past ten years. She was born in Trenton, N. J.

Surviving in addition to her husband, are two sons, James of Lambertville, N. J. and Donald, at home; a daughter, Margaret, at home; a brother, William Tiernan of New Hope, Pa.; three sisters, Mrs. John Hilliard and Miss Margaret Tiernan, both of New Hope, Pa., and Mrs. John Rickert of Lambertville, N. J., and two grandchildren.

Interment was in the family plot.

Ida Lewis Conover, 80 years of age, of 455 Ridge Road, North Arlington, N. J., widow of the late Raymond Conover, died April 19, 1969 in the Lincoln Park Nursing Home.

A native of Jersey City, Mrs. Conover had lived in Kearny, N. J. before moving to North Arlington seven years ago.

She is survived by a son, Walter R. Conover of North Caldwell, N. J.

Interment was in Arlington Cemetery.

Isabelle Osborne Conover, 56 years of age, 400A Stuyvesant Avenue, Irvington, N. J., widow of Lester W. Conover, died February 15, 1969 at Essex County Hospital in Cedar Grove.

Mrs. Conover was born in Asbury Park, N. J. and had lived in Irvington for 17 years.

She leaves two sons, Lester, Jr., an Army sergeant now stationed in California, and Edward L. of Trenton, N. J.; two brothers, Roy Osborne of Bricktown, N. J. and Paul Osborne in California; a sister, Mrs. Artilleo Caldriero in California, and 13 grandchildren.

Interment was in Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield, N. J.

Jesse Conover, 68 years of age, died December 26, 1968. He was born in Asbury Park, N. J., April 1, 1900.

He is survived by a son, Stanley H. Conover, U.S.A.F. Ret. of Red Bank, N. J.

Interment was in Glendola Cemetery.

Lena Alpaugh Conover, 78 years of age, of 45 Fairview Ave., High Bridge, N. J., died June 2, 1969 in the Franklin Hospital, Sussex County, N. J.

She was born in High Bridge, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Alpaugh and was an operator for the New Jersey Telephone Co. in High Bridge until her retirement in 1959. She was a member of the High Bridge Methodist Church. Her husband, Jacob H. Conover, died in 1947.

Surviving are her son, Harold (Ducky) Conover of New Castle, Del.; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Gardner, died in 1956.

Interment was in Lower Valley Presbyterian Cemetery, Califon, N. J.

Mary E. Conover Whitehead, 79 years of age, a lifelong resident of Belle Mead, N. J., died August 13, 1968 in Somerset Hospital, Somerville, N. J.

Mrs. Whitehead was a member of the Harlingen Reformed Church and its guild. She was a charter member of Montgomery Fire Company Auxiliary.

She was the widow of Arthur Whitehead, who died in 1952.

Surviving are three brothers, A. B. Conover, Cornelius V. L. Conover and Elmer Conover, and a sister, Mrs. Jesse Lake, all of Belle Mead.

Interment was in Belle Mead Cemetery.

Myrtle Conover Lucas, 64 years of age, of Fairmount Road, Fairmount, N. J., died October 20, 1968 in Prygrocki Nursing Home, Glen Gardner, N. J.

Mrs. Lucas was born in Tewksbury Township, daughter of the late Elias B. and Julia Ann Conover, and had lived her entire life in the Fairmount area.

Surviving are two sons, William of Califon, N. J. and Donald of New Hampton, N. J.; three sisters, Mrs. May Philhower of Long Valley, N. J., Mrs. Nellie Blazure of Pottersville, N. J., Mrs. Ethel Burd of Far Hills, N. J., and four grandchildren.

Interment was in Fairmount Rural Cemetery.

Nellie B. Conover, 88 years of age, widow of John A. Conover, Haytown Road, rural Lebanon, N. J., died September 8, 1968 in Little Brook Nursing Home, rural Califon, N. J.

Mrs. Conover had lived with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Conover in rural Lebanon. She was born in Annandale and had spent her lifetime in the Annandale and Lebanon areas. She attended the Lebanon Methodist Church. Her husband died in 1959.

Surviving, in addition to her son, Howard, are another son, Cecil of Bethlehem, Pa.; a sister, Mrs. Bessie Van Aulen of East Whitehouse; two brothers, John Runyon of Somerville, N. J., and Fred Runyon of Washington, N. J.; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Union Cemetery, Lebanon, N. J.

Robert W. Conover, 83 years of age, of 1814 Humboldt Street, Manhattan, Kansas, professor emeritus of English at Kansas State University, died August 29, 1967, in Coventry, England. At the time of his death, Professor Conover and his wife were on a tour of England and Ireland.

He is survived by his wife, the former Darlene Grinstead of Manhattan; and two children, Robert of Fresno, California, and Mrs. Thoburn Taggart of Wichita, Kansas.

Professor Conover was a native of Riverside, N. J. He attended Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., where he received a B.S. degree in 1911, and a M.A. degree in 1914. He did graduate work in drama and literature at Columbia University; English literature at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Chicago. One year of advanced study was completed at Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey.

His teaching career began in 1912 at Pennsylvania State, where he taught for three years. He joined the Kansas State faculty in 1915 and retired in 1954, after 39 years with the English department.

Professor Conover took a special interest in potential authors. He encouraged students to write and an unusually large number have become well-known writers.

He was a member of such professional and honorary organizations as Phi Beta Kappa, Quill Club, American Association of University Professors and College Teachers of English. He was editor of the Kansas Magazine and appeared in Who's Who in the Middle West.

Burial was in Coventry, England.

Russell H. Conover of 1 Essex Street, Belleville, N. J., died March 4, 1969.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie Smith Conover; a daughter, Mrs. Frank Raddi of Newark, N. J.; a brother, Orville Conover, and two sisters, Mrs. Richard Dickhut and Mrs. James Edley, all of New Brunswick, N. J.

Interment was in Cresthaven Cemetery.

William D. Conover, 60 years of age, of 37 South Massachusetts Ave., Atlantic City, N. J., died July 9, 1968 in Atlantic City Hospital.

Born in Lambertville, N. J., Mr. Conover spent most of his life in this area.

Survivors are his wife, Rachel; a son, D. Alfred of Pleasantville, N. J.; four daughters, Mrs. Peggy Auer, Mrs. Virginia Gaskill, Mrs. Linda Parker, all of Pleasantville, and Mrs. Martha Layton of Northfield, N. J., and 20 grandchildren.

Interment was in Oceanville Methodist Cemetery.

Charles T. Cowenhoven, Jr., 90 years of age, of Lafayette Road, Princeton, N. J., died April 13, 1969 at Princeton Hospital following a lingering illness.

Mr. Cowenhoven was a native of New Brunswick, N. J., the son of a distinguished New Jersey jurist, Judge Charles T. Cowenhoven.

He was graduated from Rutgers University with the class of 1900 and earned his law degree at the New York Law School while teaching at the Cutler School, New York City.

Admitted to the Bar of the State of New York in 1905, he was subsequently admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Bar of the Federal District Courts (Southern and Eastern District) of New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia, and the Circuit Courts of the Second and Fourth Circuits. He practiced before all of these courts.

Mr. Cowenhoven early in his career was associated with the New York law offices of George A. Albers, Dos Passos Brothers and Convers and Kirlin. He became a member of the firm of Campbell, Hickox, Keating and McGram in 1917 and continued as a partner in that firm until his retirement December 31, 1935.

He specialized in admiralty law.

Mr. Cowenhoven was a former member of the Springdale Golf Club, the Nassau Club of Princeton, and the University Club and India House, New York City.

He is survived by his wife, the former Emily K. Rodgers; three daughters, Miss Margaretta R. Cowenhoven, Mrs. Dan D. Coyle and Mrs. Emily C. Stuart, all of Princeton; a son, Nicholas R. Cowenhoven of Grafton, Mass.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Alvah C. Voorhees, 46 years of age, of 20 Tuscan Road, Maplewood, N. J., died September 24, 1968, from injuries suffered when he fell from a horse while vacationing in Vermont.

The fall, in which Mr. Voorhees suffered internal injuries, occurred August 29. He was taken in critical condition to Mary Fletcher Hospital, Burlington, Vt.

Mr. Voorhees was born in Lebanon, N. J., son of Frank C. Voorhees and the late Mattie Conover Voorhees, and moved to Maplewood 25 years ago.

He was a staff supervisor for the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. in its Newark, N. J. plant school, and had been with the firm for 24 years.

Mr. Voorhees was a member of the Prospect Presbyterian Church, Maplewood, and Bell Telephone's Pioneers of America.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Voorhees; a son, Robin T., and a daughter, Jann A., both at home; his father, Frank C. Voorhees of Lebanon, and two brothers, Kenneth R. of Endicott, N. Y., and Elias of Pattenburg, N. J.

Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Cameron Hawley, 63 years of age, author of hundreds of short stories and four novels, including "Executive Suite" and "Cash McCall," died February 10, 1969 in Marathon, Florida.

In October of 1945, in the Keeping Posted column of the Saturday Evening Post, Mr. Hawley made reference to his grandfather, **Dennis Conover.** The editor of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Bulletin wrote to him in regard to Dennis Conover. He replied from his home at 1315 Quarry Lane, Lancaster, Pa., dated October 22, 1945, as follows —

"Unfortunately, I have practically no information as to his genealogy. The family legend is that he ran away from his home when he was in his early teens, grew up with a horse and cattle trader who went back and forth across the early wagon trails to the West, became a guide to covered wagon trains, an Indian scout, was wounded, captured by the Indians in Montana, escaped, and subsequently found his way to Waukon, Iowa. There he met my grandmother, Sophia Sherman. They were married in 1878, went to Howard, South Dakota (then Dakota Territory) where they homesteaded. He lived there until his death in 1898. There was only one child, my mother, Atheline Conover.

"With this meager background, I'm afraid it will be quite impossible to find a foothold in any family tree, but I'm sending you what I know on the off chance that it might tie in with something else.

Sincerely, Cameron Hawley."

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343rd ANNIVERSARY
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IN AMERICA
AND THE

72nd ANNUAL REUNION
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VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY
ASSOCIATION

——VK——

On this occasion we will observe the 275th Anniversary of the founding of Somers Point, New Jersey, and also the 300th Anniversary of the birth of Pieter Cownover, one of the original settlers of Somerset Plantation, now known as Somers Point.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER THE TWELFTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT
CHALFONTE-HADDON HALL
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

— Program —

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Annual Meeting - 11:00 a.m.

Viking Room - Tower Floor - Haddon Hall

Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, Presiding

INVOCATION - - Reverend Norman L. Lawrence

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, President of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrum
Genealogist and Chairman of Membership Committee

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Secretary	Miss Janice D. Conover
Treasurer	Mrs. Robert A. Abrahamson
Historian	Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven
Agent-for-Supplies	Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
Genealogist	Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Cemetery Committee	Wilson N. Conover
Nominating Committee	Charles P. Conover

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

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Luncheon - 12:15 p.m.

Rutland Room - Haddon Hall - First Floor

Afternoon Meeting - 2:00 p.m.

Viking Room - Tower Floor - Haddon Hall

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS (See back page)
Conducted by Mrs. Claremce A. Dawley assisted by Miss Jennifer Reagan

GREETINGS — The Honorable George F. Roberts
Mayor of Somers Point, N. J.

VOCAL SELECTIONS — Mr. S. Layton Smick
Mrs. S. Layton Smick, Accompanist

ADDRESS — Mr. Donald Sinclair, Historian and Curator of
Manuscript Collections, Rutgers University

HYMN—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Lead by Mrs. Walter W. Conover

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

—— VK ——

Evening Activitties

RECEPTION - 6:30 p.m. — Garden Room, Lounge Floor, Haddon Hall

DUTCH TREAT DINNER - 7:30 p.m. — Wedgewood Room II
Lounge Floor, Haddon Hall

— Memorial Service —

(People standing)

Leader—Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley
Assisted by Miss Jennifer Reagan

Leader: We dedicate these moments to those of our family who have answered God's call.

Reading by the Leader

It is with great sorrow that we present the following names of members who have entered the Presence of the King.

Leader reads the names of deceased members and flower is placed in vase for each one.

MRS. JAMES NELSON CONOVER, Jacksonville, Ill., died Aug. 11, 1967
JOHN HALE CONOVER, SR., Cape May, N. J., died November 18, 1967
LEON A. CONOVER, Miami, Florida, died December 17, 1967
MRS. RAYMOND A. DAILY, Nyack, N. Y., died January 21, 1968
MRS. ETTA V. BLACKWELL, Hopewell, N. J., died March 18, 1968
ARIEL L. CONOVER, Atlantic City, N. J., died April 1, 1968
MISS MABEL MARGARET CONOVER, North Plainfield, N. J., died June 29, 1968

Leader: May we bow our heads in prayer.

O God, Thou who are infinite, and whose wisdom is far beyond our ability to understand, we thank Thee for Thy guidance and comfort of the spirit of those who so faithfully lived among us and have returned to Thee. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Vocal Solo—"The Lord's Prayer" - . *Albert Hay Malotte*
Mr. S. Layton Smick, Soloist — Mrs. S. Layton Smick, Accompanist

Carrie F. Kice, 84 years of age, died October 21, 1968 at her home, 3 Taylor Street, High Bridge, N. J.

A native of High Bridge, she was the daughter of the late Nicholas and Margaret Fritts Conover. Her husband died in 1965. He was a fire chief and councilman.

She was a member of High Bridge Methodist Church and its WSCS.

Surviving are three sons, Harry and Clifford A., both of High Bridge, and Peter, Jr. of Norfolk, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Cornelia Danis of Park Ridge, Illinois; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Clinton, N. J.

Clair E. Coder, 77 years of age, of 825 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois, died November 4, 1968 in Memorial Hospital, Springfield.

She was a daughter of the late Asa Lane Bennington and Hattie Ellen Landis of Dallas City, Illinois.

Surviving are a son, Edward Lane Coder; three sisters, Mrs. Celia Turner of Burlington, Iowa, Mrs. Mabel DeHaven and Miss Audrey L. Bennington; two grandsons and one great-grandson.

Interment was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Belleville, Illinois.

Mrs. Coder was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Lillian Joan Stephenson, 33 years of age, of 200 Madsden Road, Cardiff, N. J., died November 6, 1968 at her home.

She was employed as a clerk at the Pleasantville Cleaners, and was a member of Mainland Baptist Church.

Surviving are three sons, Ralph and Keith of Cardiff, and Clayton of Pinehurst, N. J.; a daughter, Pamela; two sisters, Mrs. Lois Guion of Northfield, N. J. and Mrs. Laona Tarr of Metuchen, N. J.; three brothers, Lemuel and Arthur Conover, both of Pleasantville, N. J., Delbert Conover of Canal Zone, and her mother, Mrs. Julia Conover of Pleasantville.

Interment was in Atlantic City Cemetery.

Louis Walton Sipley, 71 years of age, of Philadelphia, Pa., died October 18, 1968 in Jefferson Hospital.

Mr. Sipley, who possessed five degrees in engineering and a doctorate in science, was founder and director of the first museum in America dedicated to photography in 1940 after noting a lack of knowledge and information available in the history and development of photography.

Although he never became a photographer, Mr. Sipley wrote a number of books on the history of photography and allied graphic arts, and was awarded the coveted gold medal in 1961 by Photograpische Gesellschapp of Vienna.

Mr. Sipley was a graduate of Bucknell University and obtained his doctorate in science at Rensselaer. He worked his way through college performing as a magician. Among his many association memberships and awards, he treasured a membership card of the American Association of Magicians signed by Harry Houdini.

He was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association and on two occasions he presented lectures about Holland, illustrated with slides and moving pictures, at the family reunions.

Marion Glenn Moore, 65 years of age, of Grand Haven, Michigan, died August 4, 1968 in the North Ottawa Community Hospital, Grand Haven.

He was born April 9, 1903 in Seward, Nebraska, a son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Everett A. Moore. He married the former Miss Catherine Harbeck of Grand Haven, June 19, 1942.

Mr. Moore attended Northwestern University and served in World War II. He was a retired manager of the Michigan State Auto License Bureau, a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, the Elks and the North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. John Randolph Parker of Lincoln, Illinois.

Interment was in Lake Forest Cemetery.

— *Conographs* —

Presents a Nursing Scholarship

The Charles H. Conover Nursing Memorial $300 scholarship was presented to Mrs. Joy Lo Presti of Absecon, N. J., a mother of five. Mrs. Eleanor C. Yeager, member of the board of trustees, who established the scholarship in memory of her father, made the presentation.

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Re-elected Secretary-Treasurer

Lieutenant A. Verner Conover, United States Park Police, was reelected secretary-treasurer of the District of Columbia Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates. Lieut. Conover, a 1963 graduate of the FBI National Academy, is officer-in-charge of the Patrol Branch and Special Events Officers for the U. S. Park Police.—*(Washington Evening Star and Washington Post, May, 1968)*

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Commissioned a 2nd Lieut. in Air Force

Lawrence R. Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Conover, Arneys Mt. Road, Pemberton, N. J., was graduated on May 29, 1968 from Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He majored in Botany. He also was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force and is presently stationed at Custer AFS, Battle Creek, Mich.

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Hospital Sets Memorial Rite

Dedication of the **Dr. Charles C. Conover** memorial will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 28, in the newly completed south lobby of the Trinity Lutheran Hospital.

After a brief ceremony, there will be a tour of the diagnostic and treatment center on the first floor of the new wing that bears the name of the internist and heart specialist, who died in 1962.

The memorial is a sculptured wall with a landscaping design. An inscription says: "Through the generosity of his family and friends this Center was dedicated on March 31, 1968, in memory of Charles C. Conover, a member of the Trinity Lutheran Hospital medical staff from 1924 to 1962." A large painting of Dr. Conover will hang on an adjacent wall.

Dr. N. Everett Hedeen, president of the Central States Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, will conduct the dedication rite. The response for the Conover family will be by Clarke Bunting, who is married to the late Dr. Conover's daughter.

Dr. J. H. Hill, chief pathologist at the hospital and a longtime friend of Dr. Conover and his family, will give the medical staff response.

The hospital's response will be by Elmer Pierson, a member of the advisory board of the hospital and chairman of the board of the Vendo Co.

Presiding at the dedication will be Robin E. Walker, president of the hospital's board of directors. The invocation will be given by the Rev. J. J. Shaft, a member of the board of directors. The benediction will be given by Dr. A. B. Carlson, hospital chaplain.

Mrs. Conover and other members of the family will be present.

A new intensive coronary care unit established by the Joseph E. Welker Cardiovascular Foundation in memory of the late Kansas City heart specialist will be dedicated July 18.

Dr. Jesse E. Edwards of St. Paul, president of the American Heart Association, will speak at that dedication and a professional seminar.—*(Kansas City Star, July 7, 1968)*

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Will Be Executive Trainee

Miss **Pamela L. Conover,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Conover of Dutch Neck, N. J., will join the staff of John Wanamaker, Inc., Philadelphia, as an executive trainee in September.

Miss Conover graduated in June from the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio. She was editor of the college directory during her junior and senior years, as president of the Junior Class and Junior Resident of a freshman dormitory. — *(Princeton Packet, July 31, 1968)*

Completes Training

Midshipman Charles D. Conover, Jr. recently returned from Newport, R. I., after completing six weeks of training aboard the destroyer USS Barry. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Conover, Sr. of Absecon, N. J., and is a graduate of Holy Spirit High School, class of 1967 and is a chemical engineering major at Villanova University, Villanova, Pa., in the Naval ROTC program.—*(Mainland Journal, Pleasantville, N. J., Aug. 29, 1968)*

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Returned from Vietnam

Charles Leonard Moore, son of Mrs. Varle Bowen Moore and the late Mr. Moore of Lincoln, Illinois, was discharged at the San Diego Naval Base on September 9, 1968, after serving three years in the U. S. Navy. He had just returned from a six months' tour of duty aboard the USS Robinson in the Gulf of Tonkin. He took his basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., following which he served as Company Commander's Aide. He earned his 3rd class rating in radar. He is now attending classes at La Mesa Junior College, San Diego, California.

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Takes New Position

Wallace Conover, Jr., formerly of this borough, has joined the Connector and Cable Division of Microdot, Inc., as director of sales, domestic and foreign. The company, headquarters in Pasadena, Calif., deals with airlines and other users of aerospace equipment and in the field of medical electronics.

Conover, an aeronautical engineer, has been with Cannon Division of IT&T for 11 years in merchandising, overseas marketing and product planning. He spent three years in Europe as general manager of the Belgian factory and directing the French and German factories, as well as all other European continental activities.

He served 16 years in Naval Air before entering private industry, holding the rank of Commander. He resides in Northridge, Calif. with his wife and three children.—*(Somerset Messenger, Somerville, N. J., Sept. 12, 1968)*

Elected President of SAR Chapter

Harold A. Conover of 335 Stiles Street, Elizabeth, N. J., has been elected president of the Elizabethtown Chapter of the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The SAR unit and the Boudinot Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will celebrate their 75th anniversary September 17 at the Elizabeth Carteret Hotel, Elizabeth.

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It's Grand To Be Champion

Area youths fared well at the recent State 4-H Fair held at the Flemington Fairgrounds. The grand champion Ayrshire cow, "HVH Martha King Fortune Bonnie," was shown by **Carolyn Conover** of Hopewell, N. J. She also won best award for fitting and showing among Ayrshire exhibitors and she received an award from the New Jersey Agricultural Society for exhibiting a champion. — *(Princeton Packet, Princeton, N. J., Sept. 18, 1968)*

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Serving in Vietnam

Pfc. Jeremy P. Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Conover of Mendham Road, Gladstone, N. J., is presently serving near Chu Lai, Vietnam.

Conover who graduated from West Morris High School in 1965, entered the Army in February. He received his basic training at Fort Dix, followed by advanced training at Fort Polk, La. and Fort Knox, Ky., where he successfully completed a course in driving and maintaining Armored Personnel Carriers. His address is: Co. D, Third Battalion, 21st Infantry, 196th Infantry Brigade, APO, San Francisco, Cal. 96256—*(Observer-Tribune, Mendham, N. J., Oct. 10, 1968)*

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Staying With It, Not Griping

"Sure, they'd all like to have it over and done with and be home for Christmas, but they know they have a job to do. They're staying with it and they're not crying."

That sums up the attitude of U. S. servicemen fighting in Vietnam, as reported by a three year Navy veteran, **Lieutenant (j.g.) Eddie Conover,** just returned. His last eight months duty have been in the Mekong Delta area with amphibious group Alpha and North to the Demilitarized zone.

Conover has, for more than two years, been weapons officer aboard the USS Tioga County, and LST, which has been landing wheel and track vehicles on the beach and hauling ammunition and general cargo. The ship also has landed Marines and Army units on strikes near the Cambodian border.

"No, there's not much talk among the troops about whether we should be there," said Conover. "The boys leave the talking to the politicians. Up on the line I never heard an opinion expressed that we shouldn't be doing what we are doing.

"This whole bit is a holding action more than anything else — it's not a war. In a war you don't call bombing halts every six or eight weeks so the enemy can move."

The young Navyman expressed hopes that the end of the conflict is not too far off. He said, "With Nixon, I think we'll pull out under honorable terms and that, hopefully, South Vietnam will take the burden."

The GI's have only contempt for the draft card burners and anti-war demonstrators rampaging college campuses and the streets, Conover said. "The guys joke about them, but they'd really like to get back and set them straight — and they might not be too gentle," he added. He said the troops regard members of this new breed as "creeps" and, also "mostly very yellow creeps."

The USS Tioga County is one of the Navy's workhorse ships. She is 255 feet long and has a beam of 55 feet. Her complement is 150 enlisted men and 10 officers. When her bow doors open she can unload 14 tanks, 17 amphibious tractors and 20 tractor-trailers.

Lieutenant Conover is the son of Borough Assessor John M. Conover and Mrs. Conover of 95 Vander Veer Avenue. He graduated from Somerville High School and Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., then entered OCS at Newport, R. I., and was commissioned. The Tioga County's home port is San Diego, Calif. — *(Messenger-Gazette, Somerville, N. J., Dec. 15, 1968)*

Car Skids Into River

CRANFORD — A freak accident dumped a local couple into plenty of cold water yesterday when their car slid out of control in Orange Avenue here, bounced across 120 feet of land and plunged into the not so cozy confines of the Rahway River.

George R. Conover of 20 Oak Lane, and his wife Charlotte, spent several uncomfortable minutes in four to five feet of river water before two local teenagers and police came to their rescue. Both were treated at Rahway Hospital where Mrs. Conover is in satisfactory condition with slight injuries to her back and right shin. Conover was treated and released.

According to police, the bizarre incident occurred about 11:50 a.m. when the Conovers were driving along Orange Avenue and tried to hit their brakes for the Springfield Avenue intersection. The vehicle slid on the icy pavement, jumped the curb, rolled across a lawn and slid into the river about 50 feet south of the Springfield Avenue bridge.

Police said the car apparently knifed clear across the river, about 65 or 70 feet wide at that point, hit the far embankment and fell back into the water.

Thomas D. Sloan, 16, of 211 Holly St., told police that he saw the car partially submerged in the water and ran to get his friend, James Coe, 19, of 217 Holly St., who owns a row boat.

The boys rowed out to the Conover car, pulled open the door on the driver's side and helped Conover out. By then, police had been called to the scene equipped with life preservers and pulled in the dripping couple.

Two township tow trucks retrieved the automobile.—*(Evening News, Newark, N. J., Dec. 24, 1968)*

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Has Perfect Average

Lynda Conover of Absecon, N. J., is one of 177 students at Kent State University receiving a perfect academic average of 4.0 (all A's) during the fall quarter. — *(Mainland Journal, Pleasantville, N. J., Jan. 23, 1969)*

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Named '69 Betty Crocker Homemaker

Jennifer Raegan, a senior at Pleasantville High School, has been named the school's 1969 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. By achieving the highest grade on a written test General Mills offered to senior girls, she is now eligible to compete for the state and national "homemaker" titles and college scholarships.—*(Atlantic City, N. J., Press, Jan. 30, 1969)*

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Williams Enterprises Promotes Conover

Arthur V. Conover, III of Clifton, Virginia, has been appointed assistant secretary to the board of directors of Williams Enterprises, a steel-erection contractor, headquartered in Merrifield, Virginia.

Mr. Conover joined Williams Enterprises and a related rental concern, Williams Steel Erection Company, as controller in 1967. He formerly was with the ARIES Corporation and the County of Fairfax, Virginia, government. He is a member of the American Management Association and the National Association of Accountants. — *(Washington Evening Star and Washington Post, Feb., 1969)*

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Graduates Armed Forces Staff College

Major Edward R. Shields, II, son of Mrs. Helene B. Shields of Virginia Beach, Va., formerly of Pleasantville, N. J., has been graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va.

Major Shields, who previously was assigned to the Naval Air Station at Virginia Beach, has completed a tour of duty in Southeast Asia.

The major, a graduate of Pleasantville (N. J.) High School, attended Pennsylvania State University and Arizona State University.

His wife, Alice, is from St. Petersburg, Fla. — *(Atlantic City, N. J., Press, Feb. 2, 1969)*

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In a Dance Concert

Lynda Conover, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Conover of Pomona, N. J., will be performing in a dance concert at Kent State University, Feb. 21 and 22 in the university auditorium.

Miss Conover is a student at Kent State University majoring in special education for slow learners. — *(Mainland Journal, Pleasantville, N. J., Feb. 6, 1969)*

Speakers on "Drug Use and Abuse"

Roger F. Conover, chairman of the Somerset Hills Council on Drug Abuse, will moderate a panel discussion on various aspects of "Drug Use and Abuse" at the Peapack-Gladstone Parent-Teachers Organization meeting next Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. in the Peapack-Gladstone school.

Conover, who is also president of the Bernards Township Board of Education, will speak on the "Organization and Objectives of the Council," and introduce the four speakers.

ROGER F. CONOVER

The panel members are: the Rev. Dwight A. White, pastor of Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church, who will speak on "Spiritual Aspects"; Dr. Allyn P. Kidwell of Basking Ridge, who will discuss "Types of Drugs, The Symptoms and Effects"; Sergeant Charles F. Bocchino of the Peapack-Gladstone Police Department, who will talk about the "Enforcement Aspects" of the drug problem; and Jeffrey Danzeissen, assistant to the chaplain of the Somerset County jail, who will discuss "Drug Addiction and Prevention." — *(Somerset Hills Exponent, March 13, 1969)*

Receives a Gold Award

The Princeton Chapter of Deborah Hospital will present Heart of Gold awards to Betty Gates and **George W. Conover** at its annual membership meeting on February 14 at the Princeton Inn, Princeton, N. J.

Mrs. Gates is being recognized for her coverage of Deborah events on radio and television; Mr. Conover for his assistance in Deborah's annual car raffle.—*(Princeton Packet, Princeton, N. J., Feb. 12, 1969)*

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Presents a Report on Tobacco Use

The Agriculture Department said today trends indicate that by 1975 the average American smoker will puff about 15 packs fewer cigarettes a year than he does now.

Because of population growth, total U. S. cigarette consumption is not expected to change much.

Arthur G. Conover, an Economic Research Service analyst, presented the report to the Agricultural Outlook Conference. He described it as only a projection of past and current trends, not a forecast.

The projection assumes that present antismoking campaigns will continue.

Conover noted there is not a "highly accurate count" on the number of smokers or the average rates of consumption.

But using state reports on tax-paid cigarette sales as a basis, Conover estimated that in fiscal 1967-68 the average smoker over 18 consumed 2,847 cigarettes, or slightly more than a half-pack a day.

Based on projected census figures and trends, he estimated per capita smoking by 1975 will be 3,529 cigarettes. — *(The Evening News, Newark, N. J., Feb. 19, 1969)*

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Elected to Second Term as President

BASKING RIDGE, N. J.—**Roger F. Conover,** a member of the Bernards Township Board of Education since 1963, was elected to his second term as president at the board's organization meeting Monday night.

Conover, who was not present, served as president in 1967-68 and succeeds J. Donald George in the post. George did not seek re-election to a fourth three-year term in the February 11 school elections.

Conover, a township resident for eight years, is assistant to the vice president, Military Systems Engineering, at Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc. He is a 1948 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point and spent six years in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. He is currently a lieutenant in the U. S. Army Reserve.

The new president is chairman of the Somerset Hills Council on Drug Abuse and is a member and lay reader at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

He and his wife, Barbara, have four children: Lynn, a 1967 graduate of Ridge High School and now a sophomore at Randloph-Macon Woman's College; Christopher, a Ridge High School senior; Laurie, an eighth grader at Oak Street Junior High School, and Sara, in the fifth grade at Cedar Hill School. — *(Bernardsville News, Bernardsville, N. J., Feb. 20, 1969)*

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Receives U. S. Air Force Medal

Staff Sergeant Charles L. Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Conover of Quakertown, N. J., has received the U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal for service in Southeast Asia.

Sergeant Conover was decorated for meritorious service as a jet engine mechanic at U-Tapao Airfield, Thailand. He was cited for his outstanding job performance.

He was presented the medal during ceremonies at Westover AFB, Mass., where he is now serving in a unit of the Strategic Air Command. The sergeant is a graduate of North Hunterdon Regional High School, Annandale.—*(Hunterdon County Democrat, Flemington, N. J., April 17, 1969)*

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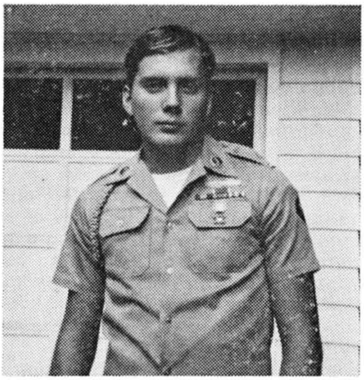
Wounded and Home from Vietnam

Spec. 4 Jerry Conover, U. S. Army, is currently recuperating at the Mendham Road, Gladstone, N. J. home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Conover, from wounds received in action in Vietnam. Wounded on the afternoon of March 7, surgery was performed on Jerry at a hospital in Da Nang that evening to repair his broken arm and remove shrapnel from his chest, shoulder and arm. Later he was flown to a hospital in Tokyo, and then back to the States, arriving in Fort Dix, March 17. Two days later he was at home. Except for occasional visits to the medicos at Fort Dix, Jerry will probably be at home for another six to eight weeks. His future with the Army is of necessity indefinite at the moment, but it is certain that Jerry will not be returned to Vietnam, having already served eight months there.—*(Observer-Tribune, Mendham, N. J., April 3, 1969)*



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He's a Busy Music Man

The Voice of America's **Willis Conover** will produce this year's New Orleans Jazz Festival in early June.—*(N. Y. Daily News, April 14, 1969)*

Edward Kennedy Ellington, whose ageless music has built bridges between the generations for almost half a century, was honored tonight at the White House on his 70th birthday.

The program coordinator and master of ceremonies of the program was **Willis Conover**, who has been director of "Music U.S.A." on the Voice of America for 14 years—*(N. Y. Times, April 29, 1969)*

The Voice of America's **Willis Conover** is meeting with George London, artistic director of the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, about programming music for the place.—*(N. Y. Daily News, May 8, 1969)*

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Receives Two Awards

Kingsley John Lentz graduated from the Pennington School, Pennington, N. J. on May 31, 1969, receiving two awards, The Fathers Association Trophy for the Most Useful Athlete and The Junior Class Award to the Student Who Excels in School Spirit. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lentz of Wenonah, N. J. and the great-grandson of the late **Samuel S. Conover,** who also had attended Pennington School. Kingsley plans to attend the University of Delaware in September, 1969.

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Elected to NJEA Post

Cindy Conover, daughter of Mrs. Rita Conover of Cold Hill Road, Brookside, N. J., was recently elected vice president of high schools for the New Jersey Education Association. This is the highest post a high school student can hold in the NJEA.

Cindy, who is a junior at West Morris High School, competed with students from all over the state in the annual convention for electing officers, held recently in Blairstown. As vice president, she will attend executive meetings in Trenton.—*(Observer-Tribune, Mendham, N. J., May 29, 1969)*

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Auto Accident Kills Air Force Veteran

A young Quakertown resident just back from military service in Thailand, died in the Hunterdon Medical Center two hours after he smashed his car on Old Route 22 in Clinton, N. J.

C. Leigh Conover, 27, Center Street, Quakertown, apparently died of severe chest injuries, police said. His passenger, 25-year-old Eric A. Koonce of 50 West Main Street, Clinton, was critically injured.

Conover's car hit two utility poles and seven cars parked in the Edken Ford parking lot just off the highway, totally wrecking three or four of them, according to the dealer.

He was driving west towards the main part of Clinton when his car veered to the left on a straight stretch of road, hitting first the electric power poles and then the cars in the Edken lot, police said. The accident occurred at about 12:15 a.m.

An Edken employee said the car was going fast enough to tear the second utility pole off and carry it along. The pole carried a power transformer.

The first car hit in the parking lot was a new ten-passenger station wagon ten feet away from the utility pole. Six late model cars were involved in the ensuing pile-up, which bent a light pole on the car lot into an L-shape.

Conover and Koonce were trapped in the wreckage. They were removed by the Clinton First Aid Squad and taken to the medical center.

Conover died at 2:30 a.m. Koonce was placed in the hospital's intensive care unit with a fractured leg and extensive cuts of the face and elbow. He was listed in critical condition yesterday afternoon.—*(The Democrat, Flemington, N. J., May 29, 1969)*

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New Jersey's Merit Mother 1969

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS — The **Edward Conover family** on Hudson Ave. has always celebrated Mother's Day with special festivities and hon- because the State of New Jersey has recognized what the Conovers have ors. But this year, the celebration will be more appropriate and more fitting, known for years, namely, Peg Conover is something very special. She was just acclaimed the Merit Mother of the year for New Jersey.

And on May 13, friends, neighbors, and even strangers will flock into St. Agnes Church hall to congratulate Peg on the honor and bask in the sunlight of her personality.

And Peg will be her usual, genial, attractive trim little self, affable, agreeable, and happy. She'll have a great time, probably better than anyone else because she's naturally a happy person; she'll reminisce over the years, and touch on the qualities which merited her winning over many other ladies throughout the state who were worthy of consideration. But she won't tell you just how much she's done, or how many people she's helped. You have to find this out from the other folk.

Mrs. Lewis Augustine, herself a Merit Mother five years ago, and a close friend and neighbor of the Conovers for decades, nominated Peg for the state honor, and wrote the biography which accompanied the nomination, totally unbeknown to her friend. She recalls that "Peg has done so much for youth; she's done so much for everybody!"

Some of the "help" Peg has given through the years is in long and hard service to her hometown. She served on the Board of Education for eight years, and is particularly proud of the innovations brought about during her years here. But her proudest and happiest memory is "presenting my own son with his diploma from high school," which she, as a board member, personally did.

She has been, and is still, a member of the Juvenile Committee in Atlantic Highlands, and in fact, is the only charter member still active. Here she's gained great satisfaction from seeing "kids straightened out without getting any bad publicity or permanent record." She did public health work for 17 years, her children's school years with the PTA; her daughters' young years with the Girl Scouts. And now, with her own family of two sons and two daughters grown, three married, one in college, Peg is still devoting her time and energy to youth. This time, it's brain damaged children.

Peg teaches a special class in the Lincroft school, and admits the work is sometimes frustrating, but quickly adds, "yet it's always fascinating. It's so rewarding to see even the tiniest progress." She doesn't add, but others will tell you, that she even devotes her lunch hour to the children, eating with them, because she feels it's the time when she can draw closest to them and offer them so much.

Peg's ideas on personal qualities also show why she has been recognized as the ideal mother. If parents could only have one quality, what should it be? And without hesitation, she replies, "patience, and none of us has enough."

A wife's best quality? "Lots of love. We've been married 38 years, and I wouldn't change a minute of it . . . even the depression years." The best quality a parent can instill in his children? "Honesty, it kind of straightens life out. If a person is honest, it's enough to smooth out the rough spots."

Born in New York, Peg came to the shore early in life, and was graduated from Middletown High School. She married "Lanky" Conover, a lifelong resident, and they settled in Atlantic Highlands to raise their family.

She's still deeply in love with her lumberman husband, Lanky, and fiercely proud of her sons, Edward, a traffic engineer with the Port Authority, and John, an auto parts store manager; her daughters, Lane, a homemaker and mother of three "and seven-eighths!" children, and Martha, a sophomore at Douglass College. She's fond of her town ("it has its faults, but I love it"), and appreciative of kind words written and spoken about her by her pastor, the Rev. Michael Lease of St. Agnes, and the Mayor, Ed Walder. She's thrilled with the dozen long stem roses her son Ed's co-workers sent her when hearing of the Merit Mother honor ("and I never even met them, aren't they wonderful?") and happy about the May 13 reception, and anxiously awaiting the birth of her sixth grandchild. She's proud and happy about the new title, but quickly pointed out, when asked about her grandchildren's reaction, "they didn't say anything . . . they sort of like Grandma just as she is."—*(The Courier, May 8, 1969)*

[Mr. and Mrs. Conover are members of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.]

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Graduates as President of 1,100 Seniors

Wayne Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Conover, Jr., formerly of Somerville, N. J. and now of Northridge, California, will enter UCLA in the fall. His father was president of the Somerville High School Class of 1939, which held its 30th reunion here last month. Wayne will be graduated tomorrow from Granada Hills High School as president of a class of 1,100 seniors.—*(Messenger-Gazette, Somerville, N. J., June 12, 1969)*

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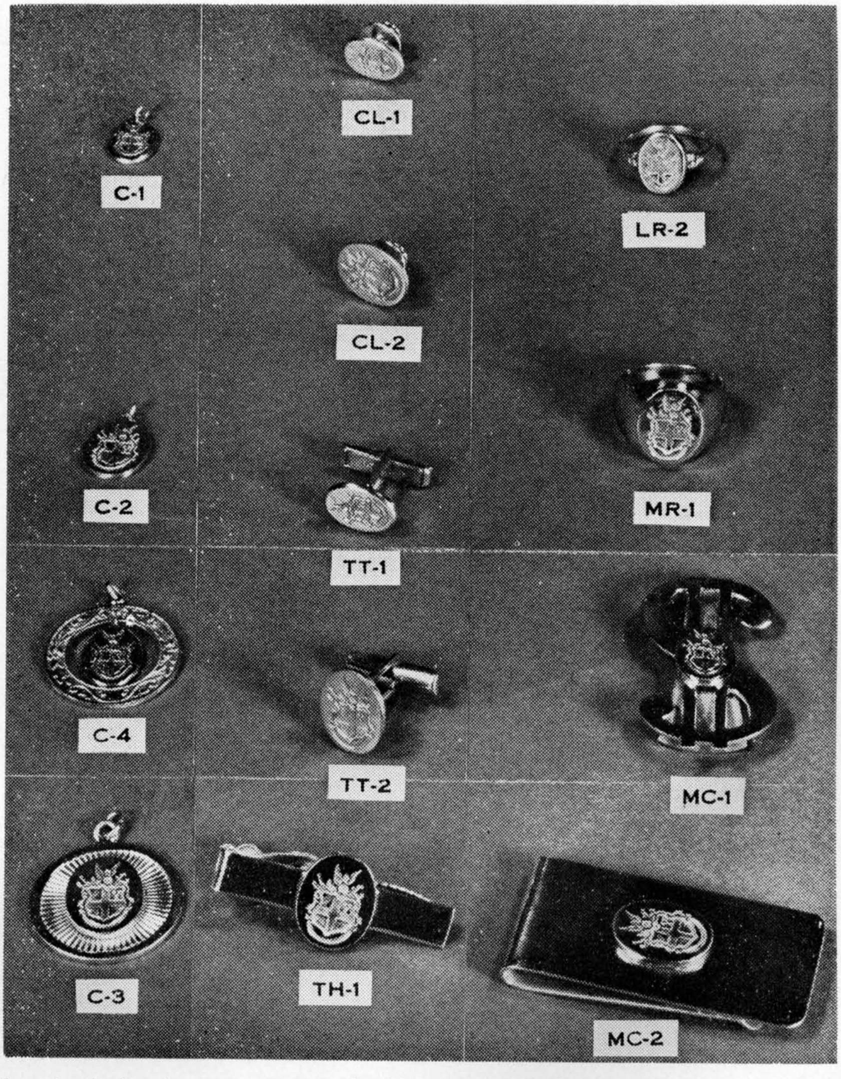
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OF THE

VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 13, 1969

The Seventy-third Annual Reunion of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association held on Saturday, September 13, 1969, at Colts Neck Reformed Church, Colts Neck, New Jersey was attended by approximately 125 members and guests.

Registration began at 10:30 A.M. At 11:00 A.M. the morning session was called to order by the President, Thomas S. Roberts. After opening the meeting he called upon Arnold Conover who welcomed the Association and delivered the invocation.

The President then welcomed the members and introduced the officers and trustees.

The Genealogist, Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, presented the names of eleven new members.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made and passed. The minutes of the previous meeting are published in the Family Bulletin.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Robert A. Abrahamson, reported a balance on hand of $2,305.20 for the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association and $220.00 for the Cemetery Fund.

The Historian, Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven, reported two items. The first item about "what a small world we live in", and the second in regard to record recordings.

The Agent for Supplies, Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, reported that supplies sold since the last reunion amounted to $395.39.

Mr. Wilson Conover, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, reported the building of new homes in the development surrounding the Conover-Schenck Cemetery is in progress. An easement for access to the cemetery has been provided on the map. At present the entrance has been blocked by construction. Mr. Edward Conover has consented to serve on the committee.

The Nominating Committee's report was given by Mr. Charles A. Bird in lieu of the absence of the chairman, Mr. Walter Kitchel. The report was as follows:

Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson, Absecon, N. J.
Charles P. Conover, Gladstone, N. J.
Harold A. Conover, Elizabeth, N. J.
Miss Janice D. Conover, Somerville, N. J.
Miss Lorraine Conover, North Plainfield, N. J.
Mrs. Harriet Stryker-Rodda, Elizabeth, N. J.
William R. Conover, Allenhurst, N. J.

Nominating Committee
Charles A. Bird
Stephen A. Conover
Walter H. Kitchel, *Chairman*

There being no other nominations, nominations were declared closed. On motion, the Secretary was authorized to cast the ballot and the nominees were declared elected.

The Chairman asked if anyone wished to bring anything before the meeting and if anyone had any suggestions of the place for our next reunion.

Mrs. Olive Rundstrom made the announcement that the "Old Dutch Parsonage" in Somerville, New Jersey has been designated by the State of New Jersey as Headquarters for the Association and any donations of items of historical importance to the Family Association will be accepted and well-cared for. There is a caretaker present at all times and any member will be welcome to visit at any time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to the Fellowship Building for lunch, where Mr. Arnold Conover was asked to give the blessing.

The afternoon session convened at 2:00 P.M. At this time the Memorial Service for deceased members was conducted by Mrs. Helen Dawley assisted by Miss ? ? ? ? ? . Mr. S. Layton Smick sang "The Lord's Prayer", accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Smick.

The President read communications that were sent to the Philhower and Stout Family Reunions. A reply received from the Philhower Family was read by the Secretary.

Announcement of the next Trustees' meeting to be held at Hightstown, N. J. on October 25, 1969, was made by the chairman.

Colonel Raymond R. Tourtillott, U. S. Army, Retired, spoke on "Citizenship Responsibility". Our great heritage and what we can do to perpetuate it was emphasized.

Two vocal selections were sung by Mr. S. Layton Smick accompanied by Mrs. Smick. They were "Little Grey Home in the West" and "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top".

Color prints of the family coat of arms were presented by Arthur Kouwenhoven to Miss Glynda Thomas, the youngest, Mrs. Grace I. Larkins, who traveled the furthest from Detroit, Michigan, and to the Thomas Family for the largest family group of which five members were present.

The meeting was then closed in the traditional manner by singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds" led by Mr. S. Layton Smick.

Respectfully submitted,
LOLA CHENEY, Secretary

Report of the Board of Trustees' Fall (1969) Meeting

OCTOBER 25, 1969

The regular Fall meeting of the Trustees of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association was held on Saturday, October 25, 1969 at the Towne House Motel, Hightstown, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order at eleven o'clock with nineteen Trustees and seven guests in attendance.

The trustees were introduced and communications were read by the president, Thomas Roberts.

The minutes of the April 12, 1969 meeting were read and approved.

There was a discussion on the advisability of life-memberships. This was tabled for later appraisal.

A letter of resignation from Dorothy Kouwenhoven, Historian, was read with regret. She will serve until a replacement is found or until her term as a trustee is completed, whichever is first.

The Historian suggested that the members be listed alphabetically by state in the next bulletin. She showed a picture of the June 29, 1940 Reunion taken at the Traymore Hotel in Atlantic City. Suggestions were made for framing and placing it in the museum at Somerville. Some books and letters of George Conover were turned over to the historian by Mrs. Helen Roberts.

The Title to the Schenck-Conover Cemetery in Holmdel was reported issued in 1962 by Mrs. Stryker-Rodda. According to the law a cemetery belongs to the living descendents. This matter was referred to the cemetery committee.

The Treasurer, Elaine Abrahamson, reported a balance of $1,941.82.

Viola Conover turned over $47.12 for the sale of jewelry and supplies.

Mrs. Rundstrom, Genealogist, presented five names for membership. A motion was made and seconded that her report be accepted.

Herbert Conover reported on the family bulletin and asked for news to be sent in.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 for lunch and reconvened at 1:30.

Life Memberships were brought up again and it was decided that they would not be feasible and were voted down.

Mrs. Helen Roberts was appointed assistant secretary.

The following Nominating Committee was appointed: Stephen Conover, Arthur Kouwenhoven, Charles A. Bird.

The next trustees' meeting will be held April 11, 1970 at the Towne House Motel, Hightstown, New Jersey.

A motion that Annual Reunion be held on the fourth Saturday of June each year was made by Charles Conover and seconded by Herbert Conover. The motion was carried.

It was suggested that the 1970 Reunion be held in South Jersey and that some consideration be made for the children.

A motion for adjournment was made by Stephen Conover. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
LOLA CHENEY, Secretary

Report of the Board of Trustees' Spring (1970) Meeting

APRIL 11, 1970

The regular Spring Meeting of the Trustees of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association was held on April 11, 1970 at the Towne House Motel, Hightstown, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order at 11 A.M. by the President, Thomas Roberts, with 16 trustees and 8 guests making a total of 24 present.

Greetings were given by the President and regrets from non-attending members were read.

The minutes were read by the secretary and approved.

The Treasurer, Elaine Abrahamson, reported a balance on hand of $1,882.42 in the Family Fund and $250.06 in the Cemetery Fund.

In the absence of the Genealogist the report was read by Mida Smick. The report was accepted and a motion was made that those applying be accepted as Associate Members to become Ancestral Members on the verification of ancestry.

The Historian, Dorothy Kouwenhoven, suggested that:

1. Pictures of the group should be taken for the scrapbook.
2. Dates and sources should be included with all clippings.
3. Some provision be made for the preservation of historical items of value such as clippings.

The Agent of Supplies, Viola Conover, turned over $75.24 for the sale of jewelry and supplies.

The Editor of the Bulletin, Herbert Conover, reported he will try to have the Bulletin out by June and he also requested that clippings be dated and the source identified.

A motion was made by Dorothy Kouwenhoven and seconded by Arthur Kouwenhoven that a roster of the membership be included in the Bulletin in alphabetical order and footnoted with a numerical tabulation by state. The motion was carried.

Wilson Conover reported for the Cemetery Committee that the cemetery had been cleaned and dead wood removed. Also that a new house had been built in front of it.

A motion was made by Helen Dawley and seconded by Arthur Kouwenhoven that the Treasurer be authorized to open a savings account for all monies designated for the Schenck-Conover Cemetery at Holmdel, N. J. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:30.

The meeting reconvened at 1:45 P.M.

The administration of the General Fund is to be left to the discretion of the treasurer.

The Annual Reunion is to be held on June 27, 1970 at the Seaview Baptist Church at Linwood, N. J. It was decided that the menu would be "8 Ounce Capon". Tentatively the Speaker will be a retired Colonel. Provision will be made for children's tickets.

The place for the next meeting of the Trustees was discussed and a committee consisting of Walter Conover and Elaine Abrahamson was appointed. The date is to be October 17 or 24.

After some discussion concerning the room set aside for the Association in the Dutch Reform Parsonage at Somerville, N. J., the following committee was appointed:

Janice Conover	Olive Rundstrom
Herbert Conover	Helen Roberts
Arthur Kouwenhoven	

The Nominating Committee's report was given by Arthur Kouwenhoven as follows:

President, Charles Conover
First Vice Pres., Walter Conover
Second Vice Pres., Wilson Conover
Secretary, Mrs. Lola Cheney
Treasurer, Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson
Genealogist, Mrs. Olive Rundstrom
Historian, Miss Lorraine Conover
Agent of Supplies, Mrs. Viola Conover
Editor of Bulletin, Herbert Conover

List of Trustees to be nominated (incomplete at this time).

It was decided that the spouses of deceased ancestoral members on application could be associate members with the payment of dues and be recipients of the family bulletin and other communications.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
LOLA CHENEY, Secretary

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New Members

Accepted at the Trustees' October 25, 1969 meeting were:

Mrs. Hershel D. Harrod, 1 Washington's Advance, RD #1, Freehold, N. J. 07728
Mrs. Doris Simpson, 28 Silver Spring Road, Short Hills, N. J. 07078
Mr. Arnold E. Conover, Bucks Mill Road, Colts Neck, N. J. 07722
Mrs. Wilma Conover, Champlain, N.Y. 12919
Mr. Arrington Leon Morgan, 3890 Steelton, Beaumont, Texas 77703

Accepted at the Trustees' April 11, 1970 meeting:

Mr. Clarence Samuel Conover, Sr., 1718 Forge Pond Road, Brick Town, N. J. 08723
Mr. Abram L. Yost, 460 South Johnsville Road, New Lebanon, Ohio 45345
Mr. Porter H. Morgan, 3012 North Walker, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73103
Mrs. Thomas W. Crews, 12703 Bushey Drive, Silver Springs, Md. 20906
Mr. Carl A. Conover, RR #2, Merry Oaks 3rd Addn., East Moline, Ill. 61244
Mrs. Marion T. Conover, 4986 Ridge Road, Cazenovia, N.Y. 13035

Recent Events in the Family Circle

— *Births* —

Bryan Wayne Conover, born December 24, 1967 to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Conover of Three Bridges, N. J., at the Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J.

Keith Garrett Conover, born July 12, 1969 to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Conover of Three Bridges, N. J., at the Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J.

Heather Ysobel Mills, born December 29, 1969 to Mr. and Mrs. David Russell Mills, II of 59 Cokesbury Road, Lebanon, N. J. and granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Conover Mills of Somerville, N. J. and David Russell Mills of Forked River, N. J.

Frederick William Roberts, II, born March 18, 1969 to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Richard Roberts of West Hartford, Conn.

— *Marriages* —

Earl Estes, son of Mrs. Grace M. Conover of Reno, Nevada and Florence Evans were married May 2, 1969 in Christ Lutheran Church, San Lorenzo, California.

Margaret Ann Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Conover Sr. of Arney's Mount Road, Pemberton, N. J., and Jerry Raymond Jerome, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jerome of Adams Center, N.Y., were married August 2, 1969 in St. Ann's in the Pines, Browns Mills, N. J., by the Rev. Vincent J. Nebus, pastor of the church.

The bride is a graduate of Pemberton Township High School and is a senior at Glassboro State College, where she is a home economics major.

Her husband is a senior at Pennsylvania Military College, Chester, Pa., where he is studying business and accounting.

They will reside in Mickleton, N. J.

Nancy Ann Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Conover of 60 Washington Avenue, High Bridge, N. J., and Robert L. VanNatta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard VanNatta of 11 Center Street, High Bridge were married April 18, 1970 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, High Bridge, with the Rev. H. Wayne Cramsey of the United Methodist Church of High Bridge, and the Rev. Richard A. Ewing of St. Joseph's, officiating.

The bride is a graduate of High Bridge High School and is employed by the New Jersey Telephone Company in Flemington.

Her husband is also a graduate of High Bridge High School and is employed by Eclipse Sleep Products of Lebanon, N. J.

They will reside at 23 Mill Street, High Bridge.

Pamela Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Conover of Dutch Neck, N. J., and Paul Frederick Donath, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Donath of Wynnewood, Pa., were married February 14, 1970, at the Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Robert Wood of Princeton Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Pa., and the Rev. James Weaver of the Dutch Neck Church officiating.

The bride is a graduate of Princeton High School and the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio. She is an assistant buyer at John Wanamaker's, Philadelphia, Pa. The groom is a graduate of Windham College, Putney, Vermont. He is also a buyer at John Wanamaker's. They will reside in Gulph Mills, Pa.

Patricia L. Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Delbert Conover of Hopewell, N. J. and Frederick Thomas Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harvey of Glen Gardner, N. J. were married August 23, 1969, in the Calvary Baptist Church, Hopewell, N. J., Rev. Maynard Hatch officiated.

A graduate of Hopewell Valley Regional High School, the bride is employed as a dental assistant. Her husband was graduated from North Hunterdon Regional High School and is employed by U.S. Bronze of Flemington, N. J.

Peter Sterling Conover of Princeton, N. J. and Robin St. John Row, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Row of Phillips Mill, New Hope, Pa., were married July 6, 1969.

The ceremony, which was written and read by the bride and bridegroom, was held alongside the canal on the lawn of the home of the bride's parents. The minister of the Unitarian Church of Princeton, Rev. Robert L. Cope, officiated. The couple will live in Princeton, N. J.

Ronald Charles Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Conover of 848 Marlborough Avenue, Absecon, N. J., and Susan Eleanor Sabath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sabath of 14 Berkley Avenue, Absecon, N. J., were married October 25, 1969 in the Absecon United Methodist Church, by Rev. James S. McGowan.

Both bride and groom graduated from Pleasantville High School and attended Atlantic Community College. The bride has been employed at the Motor Vehicle office in Atlantic City. They will reside on Franklin Boulevard in Absecon.

Edwin W. Huff, Jr. of Neshanic Station, N. J., and Laraine Wilcox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wilcox of Salt Lake City, Utah, were married August 11, 1969 in the Salt Lake Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Nicholas Cowenhoven Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Spear Taylor of Washington, D. C., and Catherine Hepburn Blaffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hepburn Blaffer of Houston, Texas, were married April 4, 1970 in the Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine by the Rev. Robert Moody.

A reception was held in the garden of the Blaffer residence.

Mrs. Taylor, the bride, attended Rice University in Houston and received a bachelor's degree in architecture from Cornell University, where she was president of her class. She is also a graduate of L'Academie Maxims in Paris.

She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Wirt Davis of Houston and the late Mr. Davis who was the founder of the Humble Oil Co. She is the great-granddaughter of W. T. Campbell, founder of the Texas Co. Her father, John Hepburn Blaffer is engaged in various industrial and financial activities.

Nicholas Cowenhoven Taylor, the bridegroom, a 1959 graduate of Harvard College, received a J. D. from Georgetown University Law School in 1963. He is with the New York law firm of Shearman & Sterling. He served as a captain of paratroopers in the Special Forces (airborne) U.S.A.R.

He is a grandson of the late Rev. William Rivers Taylor of Rochester, N.Y., and Philadelphia. Dr. Taylor was a long-term member of the general council of the Presbyterian Church.

On the maternal side, he is the grandson of the late Adm. Joseph Strauss and Mrs. Strauss of Washington, D. C.

The bridegroom's father, an international economic consultant, served on several presidential commissions in the Hoover administration and as an advisor to President Eisenhower.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will reside in New York City.

Richard Painter George, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Painter George of 2301 Reba Drive, Houston, Texas, and Virginia Ella Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Young of 4130 Gairloch, Bellaire, Texas, were married March 20, 1970 in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. M. Douglas Harper, officiating.

The bride attended Poughkeepsie, N.Y. schools and graduated from Bellaire High School. She will receive a bachelor's degree in anthropology and German from Rice University this spring.

The groom attended St. John's School, Houston; Pelham Memorial, Pelham Manor, N.Y., and graduated from Rosenberg Institute, St. Gallen, Switzerland. He will receive a bachelor's degree in geology from Rice University in May and plans to enter Yale University where he has a four year graduate fellowship.

– Deaths –

Cathleen Conover, 13 years of age, lost her fight to live in Burlington County Hospital, where she had remained in critical condition since the November 27 auto accident that claimed the life of her father and seriously injured her little brother.

Cathleen was a student at Newcomb Elementary School. She is survived by her mother, Henrietta; three brothers and three sisters.

Her death followed by one week and a day that of her father's Lyman Conover, a veteran Pemberton rural mail carrier, who was pronounced dead at the scene of the November 27 crash. Her younger brother, Steven, 8, still in the hospital where his condition reportedly is improving.

Interment was in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Charles E. Conover of 131 Remington Avenue, Plainfield, N. J., died December 7, 1969. He was a native of Plainfield and the husband of Mrs. Jessie Tice Conover. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Clarence Conover, 78 years of age, of 87 Old Port Road, Oceanville, N. J., died February 10, 1970 at his home after a lengthy illness.

A native of Brigantine, and had lived most of his life in this area, and was a carpenter.

He was a member of the Oceanville Methodist Church; a member and past president of the Oceanville Fire Co.; a member and past president of the Galloway Township Democratic Club and a township committeeman for 21 years. He also served with the N. J. State Fire Service.

Surviving are his wife, Viola; two sons, Clarence Jr. of Oceanville and Milton of Pocono Manor, Pa., and eight grandchildren. Interment was in Oceanville Cemetery.

Cornelius Van Liew Conover, 82 years of age, of Bridge Point Road, a retired farmer, died October 22, 1969 in Princeton Hospital, Princeton, N. J.

Mr. Conover was a former member of the Montgomery Township Board of Education, on which he served for many years, and also had been active for a number of years in the consistory of the Harlingen Reformed Church.

A native of Belle Meade, N. J., Mr. Conover was born on the family farm on Line Road. After his marriage to the former Eleanor Terhune, who also was born in Belle Meade, he rented a farm near Millstone.

Later the Conovers purchased their farm on Bridge Point Road. Mr. Conover had been active until about a year ago in running the farm, which now is operated by his son, Kenneth V. L. Conover.

Besides his wife and son, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Herbert V. C. Hurley of Princeton; six grandchildren; a great-grandchild; two brothers, Elmer and Aleck Conover; and a sister, Mrs. Jesse Lake, all of Belle Meade.

Interment was in Belle Meade Cemetery.

Donald D. Conover, 67 years of age, of 4986 Ridge Road, Cazenovia, N. Y., died November 25, 1968 at Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital, Syracuse, N. Y.

Born in Fulton, N. Y., he and Mrs. Conover moved to Ridge Road in 1956. He was the fifth generation to live on the Ridge Road property.

A 1919 graduate of Cazenovia Seminary, he spent most of his adult years in Philadelphia, Pa. He attended Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University.

He was a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers. He was associated for many years with Philadelphia Electric Company.

He was a member of the Cazenovia First Presbyterian Church, a member and past president of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, the Holland Society of New York, Cassia Lodge 273 F&AM of Philadelphia, Cazenovia Lodge 616 F&AM, and several engineering societies.

Mr. Conover is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marion Thompson Conover; a son, Navy Commander (retired) Donald Thompson Conover, business manager of Olivet College; two daughters, Mrs. George J. Hanks of Highland, Indiana, and Mrs. Edgar S. K. Merrill of Lowville, N.Y., nine grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Edgar A. Conover, 77 years of age, of 329 West Church St., Absecon, N.J., died February 5, 1970 at his home.

A native of Conovertown, he had lived all his life in Atlantic County.

He was a retired postal clerk having been employed in the Atlantic City post office for 44 years, and was a member of the National Association of Retired Civil Employees, and the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Surviving are his wife, Sophia; three daughters, Mrs. Adoris Blood of Fort Myers Beach, Fla., Mrs. Erma Baker of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Margaret Jones of Absecon; three sons, Edgar A. Jr. of Oceanport, Willis D. and Somers F., both of Absecon; 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Interment was in Absecon Methodist Cemetery.

George C. Conover, 80 years of age, of Route 31, Ringoes, N. J., died October 22, 1969.

Born in Copper Hill, rural Flemington, he was the son of the late William and Harriet Williamson Conover, and had lived in the Copper Hill-Ringoes area all his life. He was a retired farmer. His wife, Reba Conover, died in 1963.

Surviving are two sons, Harold of Stockton, N. J. and George of Lambertville, N. J.; four daughters, Mrs. Mildred Miller and Mrs. Martha Hildebrant, both of rural Ringoes, Mrs. Ruth Burget of Flemington, N. J., and Mrs. Marian Fillebrown of Stewartsville, N. J.; 23 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Sandy Ridge Cemetery.

Georgiana Van Arsdale Conover, 89 years of age, died July 17, 1967 at her home, 15 Jackson Avenue, North Plainfield, N. J. She was the widow of Walter M. Conover. A native of Bound Brook, N. J., she had lived in North Plainfield for 57 years.

Surviving are two sons, Walter M. Conover of Mt. Horeb Road, Warren, N. J., and Robert D. Conover of Metuchen, N. J.; four daughters, Mrs. Marvin C. Van Derbeek and Mrs. Helyn Hook, both of 15 Jackson Avenue; Mrs. Jess K. Vreeland, 78 Farragut Place and Mrs. Edward C. Dennick, 686 Denninger Road, both of North Plainfield; 19 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

A third son, Roger V. Conover of North Plainfield, died last May and another daughter, Mrs. Alfred Green of Hyattsville, Md., died in December, 1966.

Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J.

Grace R. Conover, 70 years of age, of 28 East Young Street, Somerville, N. J., died July 21, 1969 in Somerset Hospital. Her husband, Earl S. Conover, died in 1967.

Mrs. Conover was born in Franklin and had lived in Somerville for many years.

Surviving are a son, Marvin E. Conover of Blawenburg; a daughter, Mrs. H. Raymond Pope of Somerville; two grandchildren; two brothers, Floyd F. Randolph of Franklin, N.J. and Arthur F. Randolph of Bound Brook, N. J., and a sister, Mrs. Harry Krouse of Roselle Park, N. J.

Interment was in Bound Brook Cemetery.

Harry N. Conover, 60 years of age, of 3 Norman Road, Binghamton, N.Y., died August 27, 1969.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Conover; two sons, H. Neil and Gary A.; two step-brothers, Westley Lindsley and Clifford Lindsley; a step-sister, Mrs. Raymond Brink; seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Interment was in Vestal Hills Memorial Park.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Johnson City, N.Y., and a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Henry Seabrook Conover, 89 years of age, died July 11, 1969 in his home at 45 Seventh Avenue, Milford, Conn.

Mr. Conover was born in Keyport, N. J. September 7, 1879. He moved to Brooklyn, N. Y. as a child, attending Brooklyn schools and Pratt Institute. In 1908 he married Elizabeth Moore, who died in 1941. He married Mrs. Margaret Cogswell, who survives him, in 1946.

Mr. Conover, a banker, was interested in the Industrial Home for the Blind, with facilities in Kings, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties, N.Y., for more than 50 years. He served as its president from 1950 until 1965, when he became Honorary president. In 1958, Mr. Conover was awarded the M. C. Migel Medal, one of the highest honors in the field of work for the blind.

He was president of the Jason Moore Company, a Brooklyn painting and decorating concern, until his retirement in 1953, and was founder of the Lafayette National Bank, Brooklyn, now part of the Kings County Lafayette Trust Company, and a director until shortly before his death.

He was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a sister, Miss Vera A. Conover of Keyport, N. J.; a niece, Mrs. Glyn William of New York City; two nephews, Rear Adm. Thomas Burrows of Washington, D. C., and Willard S. Magalhaes of New York City; and a sister-in-law, Miss Jane Moore of Redding Ridge.

Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn.

Lavina Conover, 96 years of age, formerly of Egg Harbor City, N. J., died July 8, 1969. Born in Elwood, N. J. she was a life-long resident of Atlantic County.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Helen Nelson of Absecon, N. J., a son, William Cramer of Pleasantville, N. J.; grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Louis S. Conover, 67 years of age, of 141 Lexington Avenue, Fair Haven, N. J., died August 31, 1969 in Riverview Hospital, Red Bank, N. J.

Mr. Conover was born in Colts Neck, N. J., son of the late Chriney and Ada Taylor Conover, and had resided in Fair Haven 35 years.

He retired five years ago from the Red Bank Savings and Loan Association, where he was a vice president and director.

He was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Red Bank.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Helen Doremus Conover, and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Fair View Cemetery, Middletown, N. J.

Lyman Conover, 46 years of age, of Arney Mount Road, Pemberton, N. J. Well-known postman, died November 27, 1969 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

He was a World War II veteran and member of American Legion Post #294 and also a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

He is survived by his widow, Henrietta; three sons, Lyman Jr. of Lake Hopatcong, N. J., Steven of Pemberton and Lawrence with the Air Force; four daughters, Mrs. Margaret Jerome of Mickleton, N. J., and Barbara, Nancy and Cathleen at home; two brothers, Lynn and Raymond of Pemberton, and two sisters, Mrs. Jane Tabone of Browns Mills, N. J. and Mrs. Virginia Emmons of Pemberton. Also two grandchildren, Christine and Susan Conover of Lake Hopatcong.

Interment was in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

[See "Cathleen" on page 298]

Mary E. Conover, 83 years of age, of 60 Everett Street, East Orange, N. J., widow of William Ross Conover, died December 8, 1969 at the Park Avenue Nursing Home in East Orange.

Mrs. Conover was born in Flemington, N. J. and lived most of her life in Garwood before moving to East Orange in 1960. She was a founder and member of the Alliance Church of Cranford, a member of the Daughters of Liberty of Elizabeth and a past secretary of the Margaret Yardley Club of East Orange. She had also been employed for 14 years as a bookkeeper by the Loveland Fuel Co., Cranford.

Surviving are two sons, C. Ross Conover of Westfield, N. J. and Harold C. Conover with whom she lived; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Lt. Col. Reginald V. Conover, of RR6, Brampton, Ontario, Canada, died June 30, 1969 after a long illness.

Col. Conover saw service overseas during the First World War. He was on the staff of Military District No. 2, Headquarters in Toronto and at the end of the war was demobilized with the rank of major. From 1919 to 1954 he was customs officer at Brampton.

He served as a major with the Halton Rifles (Militia) 1920 to 1921 and in the Peel Regiment, 1921 to 1922. Promoted to lieutenant-colonel, he was the first commanding officer of the Peel and Dufferin Regiment, 1922 to 1925; brigade major of the 25th Infantry Brigade, 1925 to 1931.

He was commanding officer of the Lorne Scots Regiment, 1939 to 1941. Subsequently he commanded the Canadian Army Trades School at Hamilton, the Canadian Army Basic Training Center at Brampton and the Canadian Armoured Corps Training Center at Camp Borden.

Aside from his military career, Col. Conover's interests have included Scouting, Lions Club, Brampton Public Library, Peel County Co-operative Library Board and Peel County Historical Society. He has also been active in Freemasonry.

Col. Conover was a longtime member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Surviving are his widow, one son, Lt. Col. Edward F. Conover of Brampton, two daughters, Mrs. Mary Lou Britton of Guelph and Mrs. Anna Jane Gray of Derry West Road, Brampton, and seven grandchildren. James, their oldest son was killed overseas in 1942.

Stanley B. Conover, 51 years of age, of 41 Institute Street, Freehold, N. J., died suddenly July 8, 1969 in Jersey Shore Medical Center, Neptune, N. J.

Mr. Conover was born in Freehold and had been an attendant at the L and N Gas Station, Throcknorton Street.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Alice M. Rasberry of Trenton, N. J., and three brothers, Alfred H. Conover of Lakewood, N. J., Joseph B. Conover of Freehold, N. J. and Cenakey Conover, Jr. of New York City.

Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Freehold Township.

Walter F. Conover, Sr., 81 years of age, of Mill Road, Dutch Neck, N. J., died March 13, 1970 in Princeton Hospital. Born in Mercerville, N. J., Mr. Conover had been active in the business of Nassau Conover Motors for over 50 years. Although he decreased his business activities in 1967, he continued working daily with his sons as a consultant and never really retired.

He was a member of the Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church for 50 years, and a former treasurer of the church. He was the oldest past master of Fraternal Lodge No. 139 in Trenton, N. J., a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Trenton and Crescent Temple A.A.O.-N.M.S., Trenton, and past president of the New Jersey Automotive Trade Association. He was also a charter member and past president of the Princeton Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife Rose Robins Conover; two sons, George W. of Princeton, Walter F. Jr. of Dutch Neck; a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy C. Nather of Dutch Neck; three sisters, Mrs. Rosco Hulick of Dutch Neck, Miss Irene Conover and Mrs. Pearl Everett, both of Mercerville; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Interment was in Dutch Neck Cemetery.

Emily Kearny Rodgers Cowenhoven, 87 years of age, of 101 Lafayette Road, Princeton, N. J., died at her home October 9, 1969.

Born in Ontonagon, Mich., she was the wife of the late Charles T. Cowenhoven, Jr., and was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Princeton.

Survivors include three daughters, Miss Margaretta R., Mrs. Emily C. Stuart, and Mrs. Dan D. Coyle, all of Princeton; a son, Nicholas R. of Grafton, Mass.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Rocky Hill Cemetery, Rocky Hill, N. J.

Grace Atlee Kouwenhoven, 91 years of age, widow of Dr. John B. Kouwenhoven of Yonkers, N. Y. and Dorset, Vermont, died July 7, 1969 in Scarborough, N. Y.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lawton M.(Catherine)Patten of Ames, Iowa; a son, John A. Kouwenhoven of Dorset, Vt. and a grandson, Gerrit W. Kouwenhoven of Seattle, Washington.

Interment was in Dorset, Vermont.

Mrs. Lydella H. Bowen, 85 years of age, of Northfield, N. J., died December 15, 1969. She was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. Interment was in Leeds Point Presbyterian Cemetery, Leeds Point, N. J.

Olive Diantha Jones Gillespie, 54 years of age, of Provo, Utah, widow of the late Wilford Sharp Gillespie, died May 15, 1969.

Dolores Conover-Klein Hertz, 52 years of age, wife of Jay Hertz of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, died May 2, 1970.

She was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Interment was in Absecon Methodist Cemetery, Absecon, N. J.

Howard Heath King, 99 years of age, of 121 South Morris Street, Dover, N. J., died August 2, 1969 at his home. He would have been 100 on November 2.

Mr. King was born at Mt. Horeb, N. J. From 1896 to 1940 he was employed by the Prudential Insurance Co. and on his retirement at the age of 70 he was manager of the Dover, N. J. office.

He was a former Dover alderman and a director of the Dover Trust Co. He was an organizer and charter member of the Dover Kiwanis Club and attended its meetings regularly until the time of his death.

Mr. King was a 50-year member of Acacia Lodge 20, F&AM of Dover and honorary commander of Odo-De St. Amand Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar. He was a long-time member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. During World War II he was a member of the Morris County Draft Board.

Mr. King leaves a son, Russell Y. King of Mendham, N. J., three grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Interment was in Restland Memorial Park, East Hanover, N. J.

Catherine Duryea Elwell Kitchel, 90 years of age, formerly of 1605 Front St., Scotch Plains, N. J., died October 28, 1969 in the Abbott Manor Nursing Home.

Born in the Hopewell, N. J. area, she had lived in Scotch Plains about 15 years before moving to the nursing home. Her husband, Louis Graff Kitchel, died in 1954.

Mrs. Kitchel was a member of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

Her only survivor is her son, Walter H. Kitchel of 734 Park Avenue, Plainfield, N. J., a member of the Board of Trustees of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Interment was in Highland Cemetery, Hopewell, N. J.

Dorothy Whittier Little, 60 years of age, widow of the late Duncan MacDougall Little of Ronkonkoma, N. Y., was found dead August 16, 1969 in the surf off the 35th Street bathing beach, apparently the victim of a heart attack. She had been staying with friends at a rooming house.

Mrs. Little was the daughter of the late Charles Robert and Madge Conover Whittier.

She is survived by two sons by a previous marriage, David Whittier Sifton in the U.S. Air Force and Richard Prescott Sifton of New York City.

Charlotte S. G. McMullin, 88 years of age, of 40 North Shore Road, Absecon, N. J., died May 28, 1969 in a local nursing home. She was the widow of the late John D. McMullin.

Mrs. McMullin was a member of the General Lafayette Chapter of the DAR, the Atlantic County Historical Society, the Absecon Art Club and the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

The only immediate survivor is a son, Robert McMullin, of Absecon, N.J.

Interment was in Absecon Presbyterian Cemetery.

Judida H. Pettie, 78 years of age, of New Street, Colts Neck, N. J., died October 10, 1969 in Riverview Hospital, Red Bank, N. J.

Mrs. Pettie was born in Farmingdale, a daughter of the late Nicholas and Abba Conover and lived most of her life in Englishtown, moving here nine years ago.

A graduate of Freehold High School and Trenton Normal School, she taught first and second grades at the Willis School, Old Bridge for more than 25 years, retiring in 1951.

She was the widow of Arthur E. Pettie, a rural Letter carrier, and was a past state president of the Rural Letter Carriers Auxiliary.

She was a member of the Sanford Church, the Frances Hopkinson Chapter, DAR, the Colts Neck Historical Society and a former member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. William R. Miles and three grandchildren. Interment was in Old Tennent Cemetery.

Florence E. Riley, 88 years of age, of 1609 Ferry Street, Wilson, Pa., died April 2, 1970 in Barto Nursing Home, Portland, Pa.

She was born in Bloomsbury, N. J., a daughter of the late Stamford and Elizabeth Conover Apgar. She lived in Easton, Pa. most of her life. Her husband, Paul Riley died in 1957.

Surviving are two sons, Earl and Samuel W., both of Easton; a sister, Mrs. Mary Foose of Bloomsbury; three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Interment was in Bloomsbury Cemetery, Bloomsbury, N. J.

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— *Conographs* —

Gains New Post With Microdot

Wallace Conover, Jr. has been appointed to group marketing director, aerospace and electronics products of Microdot Inc., according to group vice president, Thomas D. Webb.

In the newly created post, Conover will have staff responsibility for all aspects of marketing within the group. He joined Microdot one year ago as director of marketing for connector and cable products.

Previously, Conover had spent 11 years with ITT-Cannon Electric, where he held a variety of posts in merchandising, engineering, overseas marketing, and product planning. In addition, he spent three years as general manager of that company's Belgian factory.

A native of Somerville, New Jersey, he holds a BS degree from St. Louis University. He is a veteran of 20 years in Naval Air and held the rank of full commander.

Microdot's aerospace and electronic products group consists of the following divisions, connector, cable, instrumentation, and aerospace fasteners.

Microdot Inc., headquartered in New York, is a $162 million New York Stock Exchange firm, active in the fields of transportation products, material handling equipment, and electronics and aerospace components. — *(Somerset-Messenger Gazette, Somerville, N. J., July 10, 1969)*

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Conover Sisters Honored

Miss Sally Conover and her sister **Cindy Conover** of Brookside, N. J., students of West Morris Regional High School, have been selected by the Morristown Chapter of the American Red Cross as delegates to be sent to the annual Leadership Development Center, from August 17-22 at the Peddie School, Hightown, N. J.

The high school students are selected for their leadership potential. The purpose of the week's training is to develop these skills by means of workshops and lecture.

There are 120 students chosen to attend from New Jersey-Delaware area of the Red Cross. Miss Cindy Conover also holds the office of high school vice president of the New Jersey Education Association. — *(Observer-Tribune, Mendham, N. J., Aug. 14, 1969)*

Installed Head of State Officers

Harrison Conover, Utah County Assessor, took over the reigns of the Utah Chapter of International Association of Assessing Officers at an installation banquet Tuesday night at the University Club in Salt Lake City.

After having served as vice president of the organization during the past year, Mr. Conover was installed as president at the dinner meeting by past president, Jim Kesler, who is administrator in charge of personal property for the state of Utah. Mr. Kessler will assume the duties of the chairman of the board of directors. Vice president elected is Arthur Partridge, administrator of locally assessed properties for the state.

Governor and Mrs. Rampton were special guests and the governor told of attending the California banquet honoring the astronauts who landed on the moon.

Mr. Conover will head the organization for the coming year. — *(Springville Herald, Springville, Utah, Aug. 21, 1969)*

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Wins Trophy and Medal

Pfc. Gerard T. DeCicco, son of Mrs. Neil A. DeCicco of Absecon, is on leave after completing basic training at Parris Island, S. C., and Camp LeJeune, N. C.

On the final review day at Parris Island he received a meritorious service award promotion to Private First Class and was presented a sharpshooter's medal. He also won a trophy for high shooter in his company.

He expects to be stationed at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn. — *(Mainland Journal, Pleasantville, N. J., Sept. 4, 1969)*

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Appointed Business Manager of Office

Mrs. Joseph P. Conover of 201 Loetscher Place, has been appointed manager of New Jersey Bell's Asbury Park business office.

Mrs. Conover joined New Jersey Bell in 1942 as a service representative in Princeton and had been a staff supervisor in the company's Trenton office prior to her appointment. She was named employment manager in the company's Trenton office in 1966 and, two years later, became a staff supervisor there. In her new assignment, she will be responsible for the accounts of some 42,000 customers in the Asbury Park area.

She is secretary of the Soroptomist Club, a member of the board of the Venture Girls and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, all in Trenton. She is also chairman of community affairs for the Trenton-Burlington Council, H. G. McCully Chapter, Telephone Pioneers of America.—*(Princeton Packet, Princeton, N. J., Sept. 24, 1969)*

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Alumni Honored

Several area residents have recently been honored by the Upsala Alumni Association for outstanding service to the college and contributions to the association's program. They include **Mr. and Mrs. Neilson Conover** of 14 Galloway Road, Westfield, and John Horn of Middle Brook Road, Bound Brook. — *(Courier-News, Plainfield, N. J., Oct. 29, 1969)*

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Given a Cash Award

Lila Gene George received the first cash award given a Zeta province Sigma Alpha Iota member in a competition sponsored by the three Tulsa S.A.I. chapters, for her *Trio for Violin, Horn and Piano* . . .

Oklahoma City Alumnae Chapter, Sigma Alpha Iota, presented on the evening of November 18, 1969 a program entitled "Compositions by Lila Gene George." Madrigals, vocal solos, and instrumental numbers were performed by Alpha Zeta Chapter and Alumnae members. — *(American Music Center News Letter, New York, November/December, 1969)*

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Winners for House Decorating Contest

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Conover of Mendham Road, Gladstone, N. J. were first place winners in the 1969 annual Christmas House decorating contest in the Chester Township area.

Decorated for Heroism

Spec. 4/C **Jerry Conover**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Conover of Mendham Road, (Chester Twp.) Gladstone, N. J., has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal for heroism under fire in Vietnam.

Conover, presently recovering from wounds at Walson Army Hospital, Fort Dix, received the medal November 20 in a ceremony at Fort Dix. His citation notes that the decoration was "for heroism in connection with military operations in Vietnam on February 15.

"Although in an extremely vulnerable area, Spec. Conover, disregarding the danger involved, remained at his position and placed heavy volumes of suppressive fire on the enemy while his comrades sought cover. His timely and courageous actions were instrumental in enabling his element to safely move from the kill zone."

A month later on March 7, Conover was wounded in action. Surgery was performed at a hospital at Da Nang to repair his broken arm and to remove shrapnel from his chest, shoulder and arm. He was flown back to Walson Army Hospital and is still a patient there.

Conover, a 1965 graduate of West Morris Regional High School, entered the army in February, 1968, and arrived in Vietnam in August of that year. He has also been decorated with the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Purple Heart. — *(Observer-Tribune, Mendham, N. J., Dec. 1969)*

Jerry is a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

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Is Advanced in Rating

Navy Seaman Apprentice **James E. Conover, Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Conover of 12 Third Street, Freehold, N. J., was advanced to his present rate while serving aboard the destroyer USS Henderson homeported in Long Beach, Calif.

His advancement was based on time in service and rate, military appearance, performance of duties and his score on the Navy-wide test for promotion. — *(Freehold Transcript, Freehold, N. J., Jan. 1, 1970)*

Renamed President Of Board

BERNARDS TWP. — Taking a cue from last week's 410-359 school budget defeat, board of education president **Roger F. Conover** pledged Monday that the board would seek ways to operate the school system more efficiently.

He also listed as a priority an in-depth evaluation of the academic program to determine the township schools' success with both college-bound and non-college students.

Conover was re-elected to his third one-year term as board president and Paul F. Mallon was re-elected vice president at the annual organization meeting preceding the regular monthly session.

"We have seen that there is a limit on what people are willing to pay for education and we feel we should use more tax dollars for the academic program and less for operational expenses," Conover said. These would include transportation, buildings and grounds.

An assistant to the vice president, military systems engineering at Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., Conover is a graduate of Montclair High School and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He also attended Columbia University Graduate School of Business.

He has lived in Bernards Township nine years and has served on the school board since Oct. 1963. He was president in 1967 and 1969.

Conover, 43, is a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves and is an instructor in the command and general staff course at Camp Kilmer. He is a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

He and his wife Barbara have four children, two in college and two in township schools. They live at 28 Goltra Dr. — *(Bernardsville, N. J. News, Feb. 19, 1970)*

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NEA Picks West Morris High Student

CHESTER — **Lucinda Conover**, daughter of Mrs. D. Conover of 17 Cole Hill Road, Mendham Township, was chosen by the National Education Association (NEA) to be a member of

Future Teachers of America (F.T.A.) Legislative Task Force Committee.

This panel recently discussed the national and local student services at a three-day meeting in Washington, D.C. The committee consisted of Cindy, a senior West Morris High School, a student from Minnesota, three FTA state consultants and three NEA representatives. They discussed some blueprints for action that will be taken concerning activities for the local FTA clubs, and including suggested projects in high school, FTA newspaper releases and public relations.

The relevance of the current FTA newspaper was also one of the issues that was discussed.

Miss Conover recently spoke in front of the North Eastern Association of Classroom Teachers, which is a subdivision of the NEA and also sponsors of the national FTA. She was part of a panel that discussed "Student Unrest" at the Marriott Motor Inn in Saddlebrook.

"The educational system should take advantage of this unrest, as it is an opportunity to update education to today's world and the students' needs," remarked Cindy. She also feels that there is a definite need for a change in education, "if we are going to transform today's student into tomorrow's responsible young adult."

Miss Conover plans to attend the University of Evansville, Indiana next year. Some of her present activities at West Morris High School include being the chairman of the Blood Bank and a member of the FTA Club. Cindy is also the student state NJEA president. One of the highlights of Cindy's senior year was when she opened the general session at the Atlantic City Teachers Convention and had lunch with Julian Bond on the same day.

To participate on the task force committee, Cindy was flown to Washington, D. C. for the three days. She stayed at the Hotel Sonesta and had time to sightsee in Washington. At the banquet, Cindy met the Health, Education and Welfare executives, as committee members were introduced. — *(Observer-Tribune, Mendham, N.J., April 30, 1970)*

Named Head of State Study Force

H. Richard Conover, principal of Millburn Junior High School, has been named head of a 19-member task force on New Jersey middle schools.

Dr. Carl L. Marburger, state commissioner of education, who announced the appointment, said the task force was created because of the need for a concerted effort to assist local school districts in developing programs and organizational patterns in the middle schools. Such schools usually consist of grades 5 through 8, although some cover only some of those grades.

H. RICHARD CONOVER

The task force is expected to issue, within a year, a statement on educational needs of pupils, middle school curriculum, staffing and facilities. The task force is made up of representatives of the State Department of Education, college personnel, county and local school administrators, principals, vice principals, curriculum workers and classroom teachers.

Mr. Conover joined the Millburn school system as a health and physical education teacher in the high school in 1942. He took military leave in May of 1943 and returned to the system in 1946 as an arithmetic and biology teacher in the high school. He also served as athletic coach.

In 1951, Mr. Conover was appointed principal of Glenwood School. He held

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER THE THIRTEENTH
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COLTS NECK REFORMED CHURCH
COLTS NECK, NEW JERSEY

— Program —

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Annual Meeting - 11:00 a.m.

Thomas S. Roberts, Presiding

INVOCATION - - - - Arnold Conover

FAMILY AFFAIRS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrum
Genealogist and Chairman of Membership Committee

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Secretary	Mrs. Lola S. Cheney
Treasurer	Mrs. Robert A. Abrahamson
Historian	Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven
Agent-for-Supplies	Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
Genealogist	Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Cemetery Committee	Wilson N. Conover
Nominating Committee	Walter H. Kitchel

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Luncheon - 12:15 p.m.

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Afternoon Meeting - 2:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS (See back page)
Conducted by Mrs. Claremce A. Dawley assisted by Miss Jennifer Reagan

GREETINGS - - - Thomas S. Roberts, President

VOCAL SELECTIONS - - Mr. S. Layton Smick
"Little Grey Home in the West" - *Wilmot-Lohr*
"The Surrey with the Fringe on Top" *Rogers-Hammerstein*
Mrs. S. Layton Smick, Accompanist

ADDRESS - Col. Raymond R. Tourtillott, U.S. Army, Retired

HYMN—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Lead by Mrs. S. Layton Smick

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

— Memorial Service —

(People standing)

Leader—Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley
Assisted by Miss Jennifer Reagan

LEADER: We dedicate these moments to those of our family who have answered God's call.

READING by the Leader

It is with great sorrow that we present the following names of members who have entered the Presence of the King.

LEADER reads the names of deceased members and flower is placed in vase for each one.

LOUIS WALTON SIPLEY, Philadelphia Pa., died October 18, 1968
MRS. CLAIR E. CODER, Springfield, Illinois, died November 4, 1968
MRS. WILFORT SHARP GILLESPIE, Provo, Utah, died May 15, 1969
MRS. JOHN H. McMILLIN, Absecon, N. J., died May 28, 1969
LT. COL. REGINALD CONOVER, Brampton, Ont., Canada, died June 30, 1969
HENRY SEABROOK CONOVER, Milford, Connecticut, died July 11, 1969
MRS. DUNCAN McD. LITTLE, Ronkonkoma, N. Y., died August 16, 1969
GEORGE W. COCHEU, Washington, D. C.
HOWARD H. KING, Dover, N. J., died August 2, 1969

LEADER: May we bow our heads in prayer.

O God, Thou who are infinite, and whose wisdom is far beyond our ability to understand, we thank Thee for Thy guidance and comfort of the spirit of those who so faithfully lived among us and have returned to Thee. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

VOCAL SOLO—"The Lord's Prayer" - . *Albert Hay Malotte*
Mr. S. Layton Smick, Soloist — Mrs. S. Layton Smick, Accompanist

that post until he was named principal of the junior high in 1955 when that school was separated from the high school.

Prior to joining the Township school system, Mr. Conover taught for two years in Burlington Senior and Junior High Schools in the fields of health, physical education and general science.

He has been secretary of the New Jersey Association of Secondary School Principals since 1960, and chairman of the National Association of Secondary School Principals Committee on Junior High School and Middle School Education since 1967.

His memberships include the executive committee of the New Jersey Council on Education, Phi Delta Kappa and the National and New Jersey Education Association. He is author of the book "Schools for the Middle Years" and of articles in "Clearing House Magazine." He is listed in "Who's Who in the East." — *(The Item, Millburn, N. J., April 30, 1970)*

Hearing Society Honors Couple

PLAINFIELD — **Walter H. Kitchel** of 734 Park Ave., retiring president of the Plainfield Hearing Society, was honored with Mrs. Kitchel this week at the annual meeting of the society, held in the Clara Louise Restaurant for their 25 years of active service.

Miss Jane Worth of North Plainfield presented them matched paintings as tokens of appreciation from the members.

The Plainfield Hearing Society is a voluntary service organization concerned with hearing conservation. It offers free hearing tests at its headquarters in the YMCA building and provides equipment and personnel to other organizations wishing to conduct hearing tests for groups of children or adults.

Free services of the organization to the hard of hearing include lip-reading classes and loan of hearing aids. — *(Courier-News, Plainfield, N. J., May 9, 1970)*

If there was an event in your family and you did not find it here, you did not report it to the editor.

A Conover is Named Man of the Year

by the

Greater Princeton Chamber of Commerce

George W. Conover receives the "Man of the Year Award" presented by Kester R. Pierson, retiring Chamber president.

George W. Conover, President of the Princeton Hospital Board of Trustees, will be honored tonight by the Greater Princeton Chamber of Commerce and Civic Council as its "Man of the Year" for 1970.

The "Man of the Year Award" will be presented by Kester R. Pierson, retiring Chamber president, tonight at the Tenth Anniversary dinner and dance in the Princeton Inn.

Princeton Hospital, a non-profit, voluntary health care center, has been celebrating its Golden Jubilee Year. The event will be climaxed at the 50th annual meeting of the Princeton Hospital Corporation on Feb. 24. Mr. Conover will preside as president, a position he has held since 1963.

He joined the 15-member Board of Trustees in 1949. The growth of the Hospital during his period of service is graphically shown by admission figures. In 1949, there were 3,358 patients and in 1969 the total was 10,538, including 1,151 newborn.

In other community service, Mr. Conover is a charter member of the Princeton Rotary Club and also a past president. He served as a member of the Princeton Township Board of Education from 1953 to 1959, and is a past president of the Board of Trustees of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

He has been active with the Princeton Chapter of the American Red Cross; YES, the Youth Employment Service, Princeton USO, and the Princeton YMCA. He is an active member of the Springdale Golf Club and the Nassau Club.

In 1939, Mr. Conover joined the Nassau Conover Motor Company and today is sole owner. He is a member of the Ford Motor Company's National Committee on Dealers' Council Affairs.

In recognizing his work on behalf of Princeton Hospital, the American Hospital Association has appointed Mr. Conover to the Committee on Hospital Governing Boards and the Committee on Broad Spectrum Anti-biotics.

Mr. Conover was born a few months before the great flu epidemic of 1918 struck Princeton and the community established an emergency hospital. The community established the permanent Princeton Hospital the following year.

He is one of very few members of the widely diversified Hospital Board who is a native to these parts. Born in Dutch Neck, where his grandfather ran a carriage business before the turn of the century, Mr. Conover still pursues this family venture.

Mr. Conover's warm and friendly personality, his devotion to hard work and worthy causes reflect the admirable Dutch qualities of his ancestors who were some of the earliest settlers in this area. A graduate of Mercersburg Academy, Mr. Conover went on to take his degree in business administration at Rider College and entered the family business just before World War II.

During the war, he served three years in the U. S. Air Force where, he reports, he demonstrated an uncanny facility for getting himself stationed in hot and dusty southern bases during the summer and at freezing northern outposts in the dead of winter.

In spite of 13 such changes, he still counts it a distinction that he never was stationed in Texas, a virtually unheard of occurance for an airman.

With the end of the war, Mr. Conover returned to Princeton and immediately became active in community affairs.

He was elected to the Hospital Board in September, 1949, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Joseph R. Dennen. He was appointed to the Public Relations Committee and became involved in major fund raising projects for the growing hospital which found itself desperately short of the area's health care needs.

In 1953, he became Treasurer and continued in that position until elected president in 1963, the ninth individual to hold that post. In 1950, the Hospital's total income was $467,857, a few hundred dollars more than its expenses. In 1969, the operating expense budget was $8,192,387 and for 1970 it is $8,590,000. — *(Princeton Packet, Princeton, N. J., 17, 1970)*

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Publisher Named State Press Head

Martin Conover with president's plaque and paper's first place awards.

Martin Conover, Springville Herald publisher, was named president of the Utah State Press Association at the conclusion of the annual winter convention of the association in Salt Lake City's Hotel Utah, last weekend. Mr. Conover succeeds Wes Cherry of Gunnison.

In taking over the reins of the state association, Mr. Conover is following in the footsteps of his father, Harrison Conover, who served in the same capacity in 1943. The new president, life long resident of this city, is a graduate of the Springville High School and the Brigham Young University. He is a past president of the Springville Chamber of Commerce.

He served in the State Press Association previously as secretary in the organization and as vice president and was chairman of this year's 72nd annual convention. He and his wife, Pat, are the parents of two children.

Besides being honored with the president's plaque, new this year in the organization, Mr. Conover was the recipient of a shower of first place awards for his publication, The Springville Herald. The paper was judged first place in general excellence in Group II competition, the divisions being based on circulation and placed in three groupings. To win the general excellence, the paper took first place in four areas, best society page, best use of illustrative material, excellence in typography and won the Harrison R. Merrill Award presented by the BYU Journalism Department for the best front page. It also won second in best advertising campaign and third for the best news story. It placed sixth in community service.

The new plaques have been added to the large collection won by the paper over the years, including some national awards previously won. — *(Springville, Utah Herald, Feb. 19, 1970)*

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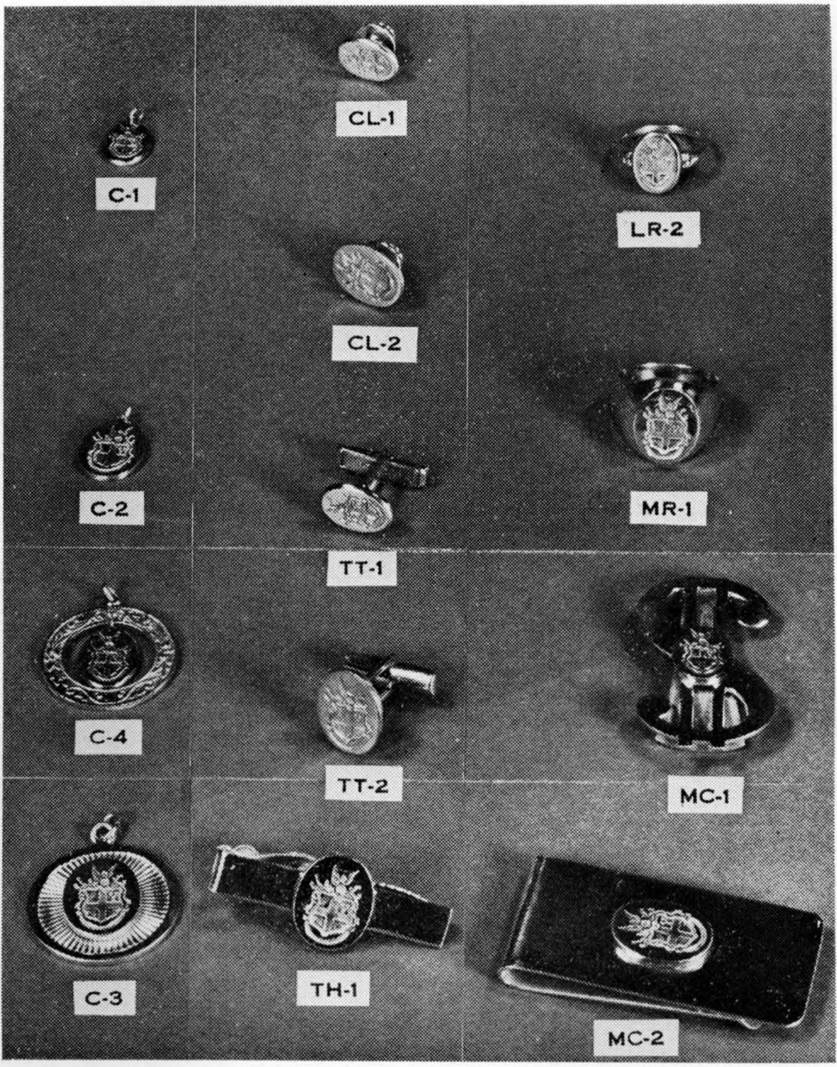
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SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE

345th Anniversary and 74th Annual Reunion

OF THE

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JUNE 27, 1970

The Seventy-fourth Annual Reunion of the Van-Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association was held Saturday, June 27, 1970 at the Seaview Baptist Church, Linwood, New Jersey.

Registration began at 10:30 A.M. At 11:00 A.M. the morning session was called to order by the President, Thomas S. Roberts. After opening the meeting he called upon Colonel Daniel O. Wilson, who delivered the invocation. The Association was made welcome by William Martin, a member of the host church.

The President then welcomed the members and introduced the officers. A motion was made and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes as they will appear in the Bulletin.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Robert A. Abrahamson, reported a balance of $1660.98 for the Van-Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. A separate account has been opened for the Cemetery Fund showing a balance of $350.06.

Arthur Kouwenhoven, reporting for the Historian, Dorothy Kouwenhoven, who was unable to attend, indicated that the books were up-to-date and would be handed-over to the new Historian, Lorraine Conover.

The Agent-for-Supplies, Viola Conover, reported $377.44 for the sale of supplies since the last reunion.

The Cemetery Committee reported that Edward Conover, Thomas Roberts, and Wilson Conover had removed several dead tree stumps and made a general clean up in the spring. Also that two new houses had been built in front of the cemetery. The builder has promised the easement will be cleared for the first of July. There was some discussion on the fence for the Cemetery.

The Genealogist, Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrum, reported eleven new members have been accepted in the Family Association since September 13, 1969.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following report:

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There being no other nominations the report was accepted and the secretary was authorized to cast the ballot and the nominees were declared elected. The new officers and trustees were introduced by the President.

An expression of gratitude for services rendered by the retiring Historian, Dorothy Kouwenhoven, was made by the President. The following resolution was made, a copy of which was to be sent to Dorothy Kouwenhoven:

"The Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association gratefully acknowledges the devotion and distinguished service of Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven our retiring Historian. She has very competently filled this position for many years and has prepared a set of records the Family may well be proud of. Our thanks to Dorothy for her years of faithful service."

Herbert Conover, Editor of the Family Bulletin, reported that he hoped to have it ready by July. However, due to the fact that he was moving his plant and his home this summer he would do the best he could.

There being no new business the morning session was adjourned for lunch at 11:50 A.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:00 P.M. by the President, Mr. Thomas Roberts.

The memorial service for deceased members was conducted by Mrs. Lola Cheney assisted by Leola Cheney. Mr. S. Layton Smick sang "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Mrs. Smick.

The names of those sending communications of regret at not being able to attend the reunion were read by the secretary. A letter of thanks for past help from the Philhower Association was also read by the President.

Several selections were sung by Mr. S. Layton Smick accompanied by Mrs. Smick.

Pictures for the local paper were taken at this time of those receiving the awards.

The speaker, Colonel Daniel O. Wilson, U.S. Army, retired, was introduced by President Thomas S. Roberts. A retired chaplain, he is at the present serving as the Pastor of the Baptist Church in Leonardo. He spoke on "What's Right for Us" emphasizing "Freedom is that commodity when you think you have it you have lost it."

The following were presented awards by Arthur Kouwenhoven:

1. The Youngest present — Glynda Thomas
2. The Largest Family Group — The Thomas Family
3. Traveled the Farthest — Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Conover from Hollywood, Florida
4. The Oldest — Herbert T. Conover
5. Thomas Roberts — as retiring president.

Charles Conover then expressed appreciation for the service of Thomas Roberts, retiring president and Dorothy Kouwenhoven, retiring historian and presented each with a small token of appreciation.

The meeting was then closed in the traditional manner by singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" lead by Mr. S. Layton Smick.

Respectfully submitted,
LOLA S. CHENEY, Secretary

Yearly Report for Reunion—June 27, 1970

Balance on hand Sept. 13, 1969		$2,305.20
Money Received:		
Dues and New Members	$ 447.00	
Agent for Supplies	377.44	
Luncheons at last Reunion	415.75	
Luncheons at Fall Meeting	97.50	
Luncheons at Spring Meetings	96.00	
	$1,433.69	$1,433.69
Paid Out:		
Joseph C. Jiran	$ 346.14	
Herbert T. Conover	788.86	
William Traut	7.50	
Col. Tourtillott	25.00	
Colt's Neck Reformed Church	20.00	
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Wallace Office Supply	3.99	
New Jersey State Sales Tax	8.56	
Town House Motel — Spring and Fall	191.50	
Service Charge	10.58	
Postage	23.22	
	$1,827.85	$1,827.85
Balance on Hand June 27, 1970		$1,911.04
Minus $250.06 put into savings		$1,660.98

Cemetery Fund Report

Opened Savings Fund Account	$250.06
Received Donation of $100.00, April 12	100.00
Total	$350.06

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Robert A. Abrahamson, Treasurer

Report of the Board of Trustees' Fall (1970) Meeting

OCTOBER 23, 1970

The regular Fall Meeting of the Trustees of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association was held on October 23, 1970, at the Smithville Inn.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Charles Conover, with the following trustees in attendance:

George Conover
Herbert T. Conover
Elaine Abrahamson
William Conover
Olive Rundstrom
Lola Cheney
Arthur Kouwenhoven
Helen Dawley
Mida Smick
Charles Conover
Jeffrey Conover
Janice Conover
Helen Schanck
Donald Conover
Walter Kitchel
Viola Conover
Helen Roberts
Thomas Roberts

There were eighteen trustees present and eight guests, making a total of twenty-six present.

Greetings were given by the President and regrets from non-attending members were read.

The minutes of the Trustees' Meeting and the Annual Reunion for the year 1970 were read by the secretary and approved.

The Treasurer, Elaine Abrahamson, reported a balance on hand of $2,394.33 in the Family Fund and $355.06 in the Cemetery Savings Account.

Financial Report October, 1970

Balance on hand June 27, 1970		$1,660.98
Money Received:		
Dues	$ 871.00	
New Members	15.00	
Reunion Luncheons	303.75	
Agent for Supplies	69.97	
Miscellaneous	12.00	
	$1,271.72	$1,271.72
		$2,932.70
Paid Out:		
Venditti for Reunion Flowers	$ 7.88	
Col. Daniel O. Wilson	20.00	
Seaview Baptist Church	25.00	
Plymouth Inn	314.99	
New Jersey Sales Tax	4.91	
New Check Book	4.43	
The Exclusive Shop	13.60	

Tickets returned for Reunion	13.50	
Union County Retarded Children's Assn.	10.00	
Mr. Jiran for Jewelry	33.50	
Service Charges for Bank	8.19	
Herbert T. Conover for Reunion Supplies	82.37	
	$ 538.37	$ 538.37
Balance on hand October 24, 1970		$2,394.33
Cemetery Savings Account	$355.06	

The Genealogist, Olive Rundstrom, presented two names for membership. The report was accepted.

There was a short discussion on the handing over of the Historical Scrapbooks to the new Historian, who was unable to be present.

The Agent-of-Supplies, Viola Conover, turned over $76.77 for the sale of jewelry and suppiles.

The Editor of the Bulletin, Herbert Conover, reported that due to moving he has been unable to get out the Family Bulletin but will do so as soon as possible.

Thomas Roberts, reporting for the Cemetery Committee, said that it had been mowed and was in fair shape. A motion was made by Elaine Abrahamson that as a joint project the persons whose property adjoins the cemetery be asked if they would erect a fence. William Conover seconded the motion and it passed.

It was decided that Nathan Conover who was adopted by a Conover could be an associate member but not an ancestoral member.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:15.

The meeting reconvened at 1:45 P.M.

There was some discussion on the appropriateness of the Dutch Reform Parsonage at Somerville as headquarters for family records. Thomas Roberts made a motion that the existing committee investigate further for a more appropriate place to keep the records. Mida Smick seconded it and it passed.

It was brought up that as Walter Kitchel had moved we need a new legal address. As Walter Kitchel was willing that his new address be used for this purpose, a motion was made by Thomas Roberts and seconded by Elaine Abrahamson. The Motion passed and the State will be notified.

The address is: Walter Kitchel
638B Plymouth Drive
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After some discussion a motion was made by George Conover that upon recommendation of the officers monies from the general fund could be allocated for the cemetery fund. It was seconded by Arthur Kouwenhoven and passed.

The Officers were authorized to look into the present financial trend in regard to the Association and report at the next Trustees' meeting.

Arthur Kouwenhoven offered to write to twenty-one delinquent members. This was greatly appreciated, and if no reply is received by the next Trustees' meeting they will be dropped from the rolls.

The question of an I. R. S. Number for the Cemetery Savings Account will be looked into by Arthur Kouwenhoven, Walter Kitchel and Charles Conover.

It was voted unanimously that Donald Conover should complete the unexpired term of Charles Bird.

The next Trustees' Meeting will be held April 24, 1971. Thomas Roberts is to make arrangements at the Molly Pitcher Motor Inn or the American House.

The Annual Reunion is to be held June 26, 1971. The Committee of Arrangements is as follows: Donald Conover Arthur Kouwenhoven Thomas Roberts

Suggested speakers: Dr. Luke or Dr. McCormick of Rutgers.

A motion to adjourn was made by Thomas Roberts.

Respectfully submitted,
LOLA CHENEY, Secretary

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Report of the Board of Trustees' Spring (1971) Meeting

APRIL 24, 1971

The regular Spring meeting of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association was held on April 24, 1971 at the Molly Pitcher Inn in Red Bank, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 A.M. by the President, Charles Conover with the following trustees in attendance:

Charles Conover
Mida Smick
Donald Conover
Janice Conover
Walter Kitchel
Thomas Roberts
George R. Conover
Wilson N. Conover
Harold Conover
Viola Conover
Herbert Conover
Helen Schanck
Helen Roberts
Steven Conover
Lorraine Conover
Lola Cheney

There were sixteen trustees and eight guests making a total of twenty-five present.

Greetings were extended by the President and regrets from non-attending members were read. The minutes were read by the secretary and approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer the report was read by Mida Smick. A balance of $1,842.41 was reported in the Family Fund and $363.65 in the Cemetery Fund.

Financial Report April, 1971

Balance on hand October 24, 1970		$2,394.33
Money Received:		
Fall Meeting Luncheons	$ 128.50	
Agent for Supplies	105.31	
Dues and New Members	52.00	
	$ 285.81	$ 285.81
		$2,680.14
Paid Out:		
Smithville Inn for Luncheons	$ 123.25	
Herbert T. Conover for Bulletins	653.22	
Mr. Jiran for Jewelry	31.66	
Secretary of State of N. J.	2.00	
N. J. State Sales Tax	5.01	
Mistake with bank	5.00	
Two checks returned	6.00	
Union County Clerk for change of address	3.00	
Deposited in Savings Account	8.59	
	$ 837.73	$ 837.73
Balance on hand April 24, 1971		$1,842.41

Savings Account Report

April 13, 1971 .... $363.65

In the absence of the Genealogist the report was read by Mida Smick. Two ancestoral members have been accepted and five applications received.

The Historian, Lorraine Conover, has received the scrapbooks and reported that they are in excellent order.

The Agent for Supplies, Viola Conover, reported sales from January to April 24, 1971 totaled $238.61.

Editor of the Family Bulletin, Herbert T. Conover, reported that he hoped to have the Bulletin out in time for the Annual Reunion.

The cemetery committee reported that Monmouth County is cleaning up the cemetery. Helen Roberts, corresponding secretary, was directed to write a letter of appreciation.

The change of address of Walter Kitchel as Agent for the Family Association was reported approved in Union County.

Janice Conover reported that the committee in charge of storage of family records decided that the Old Dutch Parsonage in Somerville was not suitable. Herbert Conover offered to store the records until a more suitable place could be found.

The meeting then adjourned for lunch and reconvened at 2:05 P.M.

The fence for the cemetery was discussed. It was decided that the price was prohibitive at this time and it was tabled until the next meeting.

Thomas Roberts reported for the nominating committee. The report was accepted.

The Genealogist, Mrs. Olive Rundstrom, has requested that she be relieved of her position at this time. Her resignation was accepted with regret and the secretary was directed to write a letter of appreciation and regret.

Mrs. Helen Roberts has agreed to succeed Mrs. Rundstrom as Genealogist.

The chairman of the Annual Reunion, Donald Conover, reported the reunion will be held Saturday, June 26, 1971 at the Readington Reform Church. The dinner will be served by the Readington Volunteer Fire Co. Auxiliary. The menu will be roast beef at $4.75 per person. The speaker will be Mrs. H. W. Ritter of Chester. She will speak on Holland.

The Fall meeting of the Trustees will be held on October 16, 1971 or October 30, 1971 at either The Molly Pitcher Inn in Red Bank or Peterson's at Lakewood, N. J.

Steven Conover made the motion that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
LOLA CHENEY, Secretary

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New Members

Accepted at the Trustees' October 24, 1970 meeting:

Mrs. Julia Conover Franks, 4806 N.W. 41st Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33313

Mrs. Minor Brown Franks, 318 Newman Springs Road,
Red Bank, N. J. 07701

Accepted at the Trustees' April 24, 1971 meeting:

Mr. Leslie D. Conover, Bayview Park, Tuckerton, N. J. 08087

Recent Events in the Family Circle

— *Births* —

Catherine Michelle Conover, born October 20, 1970 to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Evans Conover of Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Conover of Harrodsburg are the baby's paternal grandparents.

Jeffrey Carl Conover, born May 28, 1971 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Conover of 2529 7th Ave., Rock Island, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Conover, RR#3, Merry Oaks 3, East Moline, Illinois are the child's paternal grandparents.

Jeffrey Charles Conover, born September 7, 1969, at Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J., to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey C. Conover of Neshanic Station, N. J.

Bertram Anthony Vandenberg, born December 12, 1970 to Mr. and Mrs. David George Vandenberg of 124 E. Thurston, Dayton, Ohio. Bertram is the grandson of Isabel Frank Vandenberg and Don George Vandenberg and Alice Williams of Dayton, and great-grandson of Ray Menzo Vandenberg and Dorothy Reuther Vandenberg of Deland, Florida and the late Alfred Swift Frank and Mary Conover Frank of Dayton, Ohio.

Christopher John Cadwallader, born December 31, 1970 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Margaret Conover Cadwallader of Star Route, Ringoes, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and Gladys Tiernan Conover are the baby's maternal grandparents.

Christopher Randolph Parker, born September 13, 1970 to Mr. and Mrs. D. Brewster Parker of Lincoln, Illinois.

Jennifer Hunt Wheelock, born June 29, 1969, to Mr. and Mrs. David E. Wheelock of Hunns Lake Road, Stanfordville, N.Y. She is the grand-daughter of Thomas H. and Marian Conover Rogers of New Canaan, Conn. and the great-great-grand-daughter of Nathan S. Conover, on whose farm, near Clinton, N. J., the first picnic-reunion was held.

Molly Lynn Cox, born February 9, 1971 to Mr. and Mrs. David Cox of 1155 Bonita Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Conover of 157 West 2nd South, Springville, Utah, are the baby's maternal grandparents.

— *Anniversaries* —

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Conover observed their 25th wedding anniversary June 15, 1971, in the Wesbury Room of the Cokesbury Methodist Church. Mr. Conover is son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell Conover, Whitehouse Station, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle J. Conover of 134 77th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. observed their 50th wedding anniversary September 14, 1970, at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Lott, Jr. in Burlington, Vermont.

— *Marriages* —

Barbara Ann Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Conover, Jr. of Chester Township, N. J. and David William Gill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Gill of Bloomfield, N. J. were married October 3, 1970 in the Community Presbyterian Church, Chester, N. J.

The bride is a graduate of Newark State College and is employed as a teacher by the Hackettstown, N. J. School System. The groom attended the University of Miami and is a partner of Advance Company, Cedar Grove, N. J.

Keith Raymond Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gulick Conover of Plainsboro, N. J., and Barbara Alison Hewel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Bird Hewel of Lawrence Township were married June 6, 1970 in Trinity Church, Princeton, N. J.

The bride is a graduate of Princeton High School. She has just completed her junior year at the State University of New York College at Cortland, majoring in physical education.

Her husband, who is also a Princeton High School graduate, will be a senior this fall at Lafayette College, where he is majoring in religion.

Linda L. Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl V. Conover of 27 East Drive, Linwood, N. J., and James John Gartland, son of Mrs. Vera Gartland of Manahawkin, N. J. and the late James Gartland were married November 7, 1970 in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Pleasantville, N. J.

The groom is a computer technician with RCA.

They are living in Beach Haven.

Mary Ellen Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah B. Conover of Hopewell-Blawenburg Road, and Marc R. Soldavin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Soldavin of Rocky Hill-Blawenburg Road, were married November 14, 1970 in the Blawenburg Reformed Church by the Rev. Albert Smith, former pastor.

The bride, a graduate of Princeton High School, attended Robert Morris College in Pittsburgh and is employed at the N. J. Neuro-Psychiatric Institute, Skillman, N. J.

Her husband graduated from Hun School, Princeton, and attended Carnegie Institute of Technology and Upsala College.

Neal G. Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conover of 41 Fairview Ave., High Bridge, N. J., and Karen Marie Schultz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schultz, Jr., of Nazareth, Pa., were married December 12, 1970 in High Bridge Methodist Church by the Rev. Wayne Cramsey.

The bridegroom was graduated from High Bridge High School and the bride from Nazareth High School.

Patricia Williams Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Conover, Jr. of Maplewood, N. J. and Eugene Martin Ellis, U.S.A.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Ellis of Orange, N. J. and Miami Beach, were married September 13, 1970, by Rabbi Herbert Weiner in the garden at Mayfair Farms, West Orange, N. J.

The bride's father is manager of schedules publications at Pan American Airways in New York. Her husband is in business with his father, who owns and operates Manhattan Center, Belleville Industrial Center and restaurant and nightclub concessions in New York.

The bride, a graduate of the Beard School in Orange, attended Le Grand Verger in Lutry, Switzerland, and Bennington College. She will begin her junior year in September at Finch College in New York.

Mr. Ellis was graduated from Newark Academy and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Dale Clark Blazure, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Conover Blazure of Pottersville, N. J. and Diane Beverly Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Watson of Lebanon, N. J. were married June 27, 1970. A graduate of Linden High School, the bride received her bachelor degree from Glassboro State College in 1970. The groom was a 1965 graduate of North Hunterdon Regional High School. Following two years service in the U. S. Army, he is now employed as a real estate salesman and insurance broker.

Emily Cady Williams, daughter of Marjorie Conover Williams and the late Robert Clayton Williams of San Mateo, California and James Drew DenBoer were married December 28, 1970 in Washington, D. C. The young couple will reside in Washington, D.C.

Glenn Conover Sammis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merton D. Sammis, Sr., of Ocean Grove, N. J., formerly of Freehold Township, and Jonnalen Hewlett, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John P. Hewlett of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, were married May 16, 1970 in Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Sammis is a senior at Texas Christian University and a member of Kappa Delta.

Mr. Sammis, who graduated from TCU with a bachelor of Arts this month, will enter the University's Brite Divinity School this fall.

Judith Anne Vandenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don George Vandenberg of Dayton, Ohio and Robert Watson Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davidson of Bay City, Mich., were married November 28, 1970 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church with Dr. Frederick Bruce Speakman officiating.

The bride is a graduate (June 1970) of Carleton College and has a degree in Geology. The groom also graduated from Carleton (June 1970) where he was affiliated with Phi Beta Kappa and received a degree in Mathematics.

The couple are residing in Owatonna, Minnesota where the groom teaches mathematics and also coaches the swimming teams.

The bride is the grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Menzo Vandenberg of Deland, Florida and the late Alfred Swift and Mary Conover Frank of Dayton.

Lawrence Conover Shank son of John Martin and Mariana Frank Shank of White Bear Lake, Minn. and Katherine Ann Westine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Westine of West Fargo, N. D., were married September 5, 1970 in a garden ceremony at the Shank home in White Bear Lake. The Rev. Don Sevetson officiated.

The young couple both attended the University of Washington (Seattle) where they are completing graduate studies in Political Science and Music respectively.

The groom is the grandson of the late Alfred Swift and Polly Conover Frank of Dayton, Ohio and the late Prof. Ralph Shank and Cecilia Shank of Columbus, Ohio.

Lillian Mae Smires, daughter of Major and Mrs. Ralph C. Smires of Columbus, N. J. and John Joseph Brady, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brady of Roebling, N. J., were married April 3, 1971. The ceremony was performed in the Bordentown Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Trout.

The bride is a graduate of Northern Burlington Regional High School and is employed as a data processing machine operator at the N. J. Division of Motor Vehicles in Trenton.

The groom is a graduate of Florence Township Memorial High School and is also employed by the N. J. Division of Motor Vehicles as a teletype operator.

Mrs. Brady is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Conover Smires of Columbus, N. J.

The young couple will reside at 136 Eighth Avenue, Roebling, N. J.

Lyle Frank Voorhees, son of Elias Conover Voorhees of Pattenburg, N. J. and Mrs. George Anderson of Bloomsbury, N. J. and Edith Helen Kopp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil P. Kopp of Hampton, N. J., were married April 24, 1971 by the Rev. Forest Shue at double ring ceremony in the United Methodist Church of Bloomsbury.

The bride is a graduate of North Hunterdon Regional High School and is employed as a secretary in the office of Frances P. Sutton, Clinton attorney.

The bridegroom is also a graduate of North Hunterdon Regional High School and he also graduated from Warren Technical Institute.

The young couple will reside at 100 Main Street, Hampton, N. J.

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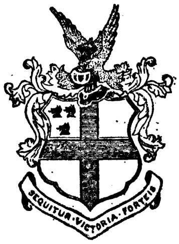

345th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY
IN AMERICA
AND THE
74th ANNUAL REUNION
OF THE
VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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SATURDAY, JUNE THE TWENTY-SEVENTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY
SEAVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
LINWOOD, NEW JERSEY

— Program —

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Annual Meeting - 11:00 a.m.

Thomas S. Roberts, Presiding

INVOCATION . . . Col. Daniel O. Wilson

WELCOME . . . . William Martin

BUSINESS MEETING

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Genealogist and Chairman of Membership Committee

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Secretary - - Mrs. Lola S. Cheney
Treasurer - Mrs. Robert A. Abrahamson
Historian - Miss Dorothy Kouwenhoven
Agent-for-Supplies Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
Genealogist - Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Cemetery Committee - Wilson N. Conover
Nominating Committee - Stephen Conover

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Luncheon - 12:15 p.m.

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Afternoon Meeting - 2:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS (See back page)
Conducted by Mrs. Claremce A. Dawley assisted by Miss Leola Cheney

GREETINGS . . . Thomas S. Roberts, President

VOCAL SELECTION . . . S. Layton Smick
"This is the First Day of the Rest of Your Life" - *Ames*
Mrs. S. Layton Smick, Accompanist

ADDRESS . . Col. Daniel O. Wilson, U.S. Army, Retired

VOCAL SELECTION . . . S. Layton Smick
"God Bless America" . *Berlin*
Mrs. S. Layton Smick, Accompanist

PRESENTING OF AWARDS . Arthur B. Kouwenhoven

HYMN—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Lead by Mrs. S. Layton Smick

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

— Memorial Service —

(People standing)

Leader—Mrs. Clarence A. Dawley
Assisted by Miss Leola Cheney

LEADER: We dedicate these moments to those of our family who have answered God's call.

READING by the Leader

It is with great sorrow that we present the following names of members who have entered the Presence of the King.

LEADER reads the names of deceased members and flower is placed in vase for each one.

DONALD D. CONOVER, Cazenovia, N.Y., died November 25, 1968
HOWARD HEATH KING, Dover, N. J., died August 2, 1969
HARRY N. CONOVER, Binghamton, N.Y., died August 27, 1969
MRS. JUDIDA H. PETTIE, Colts Neck, N. J., died October 10, 1969
LYMAN CONOVER, Pemberton, N. J., died November 27, 1969
MRS. LYDELLA H. BOWEN, Leeds Point, N. J., died December 15, 1969
EDGAR A. CONOVER, Absecon, N. J., died February 5, 1970
MRS. DOLORES CONOVER-KLEIN HERTZ, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., died May 2, 1970

LEADER: May we bow our heads in prayer.

O God, Thou who are infinite, and whose wisdom is far beyond our ability to understand, we thank Thee for Thy guidance and comfort of the spirit of those who so faithfully lived among us and have returned to Thee. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

VOCAL SOLO—"The Lord's Prayer" - . *Albert Hay Malotte*
Mr. S. Layton Smick, Soloist — Mrs. S. Layton Smick, Accompanist

– *Deaths* –

Ada Jennings Conover, 76 years of age, of Taylor's Mill Road, Manalapan Township, died January 14, 1971 at Jersey Shore Medical Center, Neptune, N. J.

Born in Jersey City, N. J., she had resided in Manalapan Township for the last ten years.

She was a 50-year member of Esther Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Jersey City.

Surviving are her husband, Harley Conover; a son, Arthur of Demarest, N. J. and four grandchildren.

Doris Conover Landsberry, 52 years of age, of RD #1, Lafayette Mills Road, Manalapan Township, N. J., died October 21, 1970 at Jersey Shore Medical Center. Neptune, N. J.

Surviving are her husband, Russell; a daughter, Laurie Lee, at home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Conover of Manalapan Township, and a brother, Arthur Conover, of Demarest, N. J.

Edna Conover, 56 years of age, of Main Street, Flanders, N. J. died June 8, 1971 at Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown, N. J.

Born in Newark, she lived in this area all her life coming to Flanders as a child. She was a candy packer at the M & M Candy Co., Hackettstown, N. J. She was a member of St. Lawrence R.C. Church, Chester, N. J., and of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

She is survived by her husband, J. Russell Conover; three sons, Edward Post of Orlando, Fla., Peter Conover of Budd Lake, N. J., and Warren Conover of Connecticut; two daughters, Mrs. Connie Schwalk of Flanders and Mrs. Virginia Robbins of Chester, N. J.; two brothers, Vincent Peszynski of Boonton, N. J. and John Peszynski of New Carelton, Md; a sister, Mrs. Frances Hoffman of Flanders, and nine grandchildren.

Emily F. Conover, 84 years of age, of 17 West Church St., Absecon, N. J., died September 29, 1970 in Atlantic City following a long illness.

Born in Mahony Plains, Pa., Mrs. Conover had lived in this area 62 years. There are no immediate survivors.

Ethel Conover Burd, 76 years of age, widow of Ryman R. Burd, of Peapack Road, Far Hills, N. J., died February 5, 1971 in Hunterdon Hills Nursing Home, Glen Gardner, N. J.

She was born in Fairmount, N. J. a daughter of the late Elias and Ann Conover and lived in Far Hills 48 years. She was a member of Bedminster Reformed Church and of the Woman's Auxiliary of Union Hook and Ladder Fire Co., Far Hills.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Bertha M. Philhower of Fairmount and Mrs. Nellie Blazure of Pottersville, N. J.

Fred Scott Conover, Sr., of Church Street, Liberty Corner, N. J., died July 19, 1970. He was the husband of the late Sophia M. Conover who died January 12, 1965.

He is survived by a son, Fred Scott Conover, Jr. of Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. Robert E. Simpkins of Cherry Hill, N. J., Mrs. Patrick A. Lundy of Liberty Corner and Miss Mary Elizabeth Conover at home.

Grandin C. Conover, 86 years of age, of 5½ Broadway, Ocean Grove, N. J., died at his home March 3, 1971.

Born in Freehold Township, he had lived in Freehold and Spring Lake Heights before moving to Ocean Grove eight years ago.

He had been a retailer, with several businesses in and around Freehold. He was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church here and a former member of Freehold United Methodist Church. His wife, Mrs. Florence Treat Conover, died in 1959.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Merton Sammis of Ocean Grove, Mrs. William Drew of Dover, N. H.; three sons, Arthur Conover of Ocean City, N. J., Horace Conover of Freehold, N. J. and Wallace Conover of Wall Township; 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Freehold.

Harriet Conover Conant, 64 years of age, a former Atlantic City resident, died September 14, 1970 at the Memorial Division of the Wilmington (Delaware) Medical Center after a long illness. She lived at 35 Paschall Road, Shellburne.

Born in Clarksburg, W. Va., she was a resident of Atlantic City for many years before moving to this city 20 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, John K.; two sons, John M. Conover of Buhl, Idaho, and Sterling D. Conover of Wilmington; one daughter, Mrs. Keith Holmes of Wilmington; two step-daughters, Mrs. Herbert Albaugh of Fairfield, Conn. and Mrs. J. W. Tuckerman of Cleveland, Ohio; one step-son, John K. Conant, Jr. of Westminster, Md., and 15 grandchildren. Interment was in Laurel Memorial Park, Pomona, N. J.

Katherine E. Conover, of Holmdale, N. J., formerly of Chatham Township, N. J., died March 25, 1971. Her husband, the late Holmes E. Conover, died August 14, 1959.

Surving are two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Razzetti of Chatham, N. J. and Mrs. Edith Hegge of Denville, N. J.

Lt. Col. Kelcey I. Conover, E.D., M.D., C.M., 80 years of age, died March 25, 1971 at Ste. Anne's DVA Hospital, Montreal, Canada.

Dr. Conover was born in Millville, New Jersey, USA, March 17, 1891. Educated in New England, he graduated from McGill University in 1916.

He served as an Army Medical Officer with the Canadian Cavalry Brigade in France and Belgium from 1916 to 1918, returning to establish private practice in Montreal at the end of World War I.

He was active in the Montreal Militia between the Wars, serving with the Victoria Rifles, the RCA, and rose to command 4 CCS prior to World War II.

Dr. Conover left with the first Canadian contingent from Montreal in 1939, and served in England and Northwest Europe until the end of the War.

Lt. Col. Conover, E.D., was retired from service in 1946, and returned to his private practice in Montreal, and at the DVA Hospital in Ste. Anne de Bellevue. He retired from practice in 1962.

LT. COL KELCEY I. CONOVER

A Urologist, and member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. Kelcey Conover was a practicing physician for 46 years.

He is survived by a daughter;, Mrs. W. Geddes of Montreal; a son, Lt. Col. Robert O. Conover, CD, Commanding Officer of Lord Strathconas Horse (Royal Canadians) of Calgary, and four grandchildren.

L. Edna Conover, 83 years of age, of 5 Easy Street, Freehold, N. J., died March 15, 1971 at the Pineland Nursing Home in Lakewood, N. J.

Born in Colts Neck Township she was a lifelong resident of the Freehold area and the wife of the late Fred B. Conover who died February 24, 1938.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ella Gillette of Manasquan, N. J.; a son, Carlton T. Conover of Freehold, N. J.; a sister, Mrs. Myra Reynolds of Colts Neck Township; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Atlantic Cemetery, colts Neck.

Lucretia Kouwenhoven Callmer, wife of the late N. William Callmer, died January 23, 1971. She was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover family Association. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mildred Conover Westwood, of 33½ Union Avenue, Manasquan, N. J. died July 29, 1970 at Point Pleasant Hospital, Point Pleasant, N. J.

She was born in Freehold and lived in Manasquan 22 years and was the widow of Charles Westwood who died in 1952.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Manasquan.

She is survived by several cousins.

Martin Luther Conover, of 40 Bergen Drive, Cedar Grove, N. J. died November 5, 1970.

He was the husband of the late Mildred Overbeck Conover; father of Mrs. Dorothy F. Holgate of Dover, N. J., Mrs. Betty Sanders of East Hanover, N. J. and Mrs. Shirley Deubel of the home address; 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Interment was in Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield, N. J.

Priscilla Conover, 58 years of age, of 2363 Noble Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, died July 18, 1970 while vacationing at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

She was executive secretary of the Purchasing Management Association of Cleveland, past president of the American Business Women's Association and a member of the Executive Secretaries Association.

Miss Conover attended Western Reserve University from 1932 to 1934. For the next five years she did free lance sales promotion here, then be came public relations secretary and director of her own company in Chicago.

She joined the W. R. Nash Ad Agency in 1947 as copy chief, then went to the Metal Lath Assn., where she was editor of its trade publication. In 1951 she became an executive secretary at the Pure Oil Co. She joined Purchasing Management in 1957.

Miss Conover was a member of the United Methodist Church of Cleveland Heights and the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, one of the nation's oldest Netherlands family associations.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Ethel Conover, a sister Mrs. Carlos R. Paehlke, and a brother, Eugene Conover of Paramount, California.

Ralph E. Conover, 65 years of age, died April 7, 1971. Interment was in Absecon Methodist Cemetery, Absecon, N. J.

Todd Walter Conover, 19 years of age, of 723 New Durham Road, Edison, N. J., died January 24, 1971, as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident near Savannah, Ga.

The crash occured three miles south of Savannah on Route 25. A 19-year old youth from Freeport, N. Y. was injured.

Todd was born in Perth Amboy. He was a sophomore at Fairleigh-Dickinson University, Teaneck, N. J.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Conover, and a brother, Wayne, all at home; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Brehms of Fords, and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Thomas Conover also of Fords, N. J.

Virginia Marie Conover, of Newark, N. J., died October 17, 1970. Surviving are two sons, William and Dorsey Conover, and a step-daughter, Helen Margaret Mangan.

Charles A. Bird, 73 years of age, of 529 East First Avenue, Roselle, N. J., died July 12, 1970 in Elizabeth General Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Elizabeth, N. J., and was graduated from Battin High School. He had resided in Roselle the past 17 years.

He retired in 1963 after 15 years' service as a printer-machinist with the Mason-Moore-Tracey Co. of New York City.

Mr. Bird was a World War I Navy veteran. He was a member of the Third Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth, Orient Lodge 126, F&AM of Elizabeth, the International Association of Machinists and Printers Local 434, AFL-CIO, of New York City, the National Council of Senior Citizens Inc. and a trustee of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Surviving are his wife, Carrie Clausen Bird, three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Hensler of Matawan, N. J., Mrs. Harriet Burch, Jr. of Linden, N. J. and Mrs. Dorothy Schardien of Union,

N. J.; a sister, Mrs. George Hetfield of Filford Park, N. J.; nine grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Hillside, N. J.

Earl Young Estes, 45 years of age, died July 19, 1970 in Burlingame, Calif.

He is survived by his wife, Florence; two step-children, John Evans and Linda Evans; a son, Earl Estes and a daughter Diane Rita Estes of Bronx, N. Y.; his mother, Grace M. Conover of Reno, Nevada; a brother, Louis E. Conover, Jr. of Hayward, California and one sister, Mrs. Colleen Rose Babinchak of Kearns, Utah.

Interment was in Skylawn Memorial Park, San Mateo, California.

Ethel Hammell, retired teacher and principal in the Atlantic City school system, died March 14, 1971 in a local nursing home after a long illness. She lived at 127 Shore Road, Absecon, N. J.

Miss Hammell was a lifelong resident of this city, a teacher in the Atlantic City schools, served as assistant junior high school principal and was a former principal of the Massachusetts Avenue School.

A graduate of Trenton State Teacher's College, a former president of the Atlantic City Teacher's Association and of the New Jersey and National Retired Teacher's Associations. She was also a member of the Absecon United Methodist Church, president of the WSCS, was active in the Sunday School of the church. She was a former regent of the General Lafayette Chapter DAR, a member of the Soroptimist Club, the Atlantic County Historical Society, the Absecon Women's Club, the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association, and the Art Club of Absecon.

Her only immediate survivor is a sister, Mrs. Olive Timberlake of Westfield, N. J. Interment was in Absecon Methodist Cemetery.

T. Mark Hatfield, 76 years of age, died August 14, 1971 at his home in Springville, Utah.

He was born April 29, 1895, in Mapleton, Utah, the son of Amos and Mary Conover Hatfield. He married Bernice Hindmarsh April 16, 1932, in Salt Lake City.

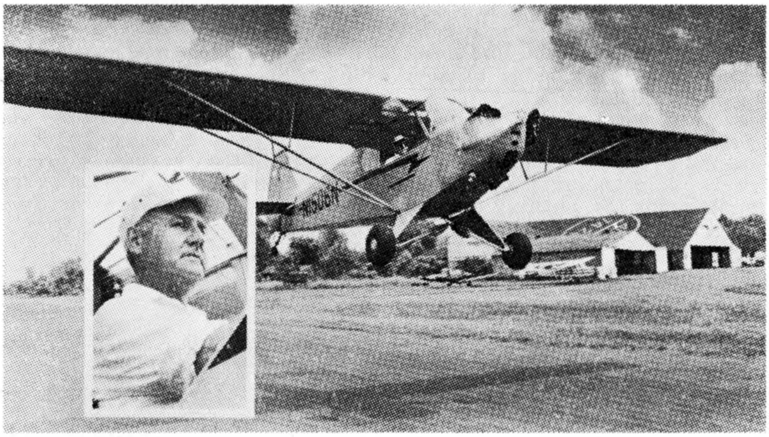
Mr. Hatfield was active in the LDS Church. He was an Elder. He was a disabled veteran of World I and a member of the American Legion. He had been employed as a draftsman at Geneva Steel, and later he worked for Dugway Proving Grounds. He also farmed.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Tom (Helen) Beck of Bountiful, Mrs. Gylan (Mary) Allen of Las Vegas, Nevada; step-children, Gerald Ferron Heaton of Clearfield, Mrs. Kenneth (Aliene) Wensel of Clearfield and Mrs. LeRae Anderson of Bountiful; 21 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; one brother, Charles Hatfield of Mapleton and a sister, Mrs. Flora Maiben of Salt Lake City.

Interment was in Springville Evergreen Cemetery with military rites.

If there was an event in your family and you did not find it here, you did not report it to the editor.

Weekend Flyer—Up, Up, Up and Away!



"It's been my dream ever since I was a boy" explained **Al Conover**, department chief in Purchasing's Supplier Capability Studies, referring to his favorite pastime, flying a plane. "My chance finally came in May, 1965, when a friend first took me up in his Piper Cub."

Conover has come a long way since that day. He now pilots his own plane and logged more than 300 hours flying time. But all of this took lots of time and much frantic effort.

"After about 18 lessons," Conover continued "my instructor told me I was ready to solo. Although it wasn't really a surprise, it was an exciting milestone for me. I had to complete three take-offs and landings, and only then could I get my student pilot ticket." Under FAA regulations, the student pilot may fly alone or with a licensed pilot, but may carry no passengers.

"I still needed at least ten hours of 'cross-country' flying to qualify for a full pilot's license—the hours were only counted when I took off from one airport and landed at another at least twenty-five miles away. My big day came almost two years later, in Feb., 1967, when I received my license." Licensing usually requires a minimum of forty hours' flying time.

Owns Own Plane

"I bought my own plane in April, 1966—a Piper Cub 13, one of the first mass-produced light planes to gain popular acceptance among non-commercial pilots," he said. This kind of plane was used extensively before and during World War II.

Conover became a member of the Airplane Owners and Pilots Association and, as a pilot and owner of a plane, was required to keep a pilot log, in which all flying time had to be recorded, an aircraft log and an engine log. All had to be accurate and up-to-date, for, while there are no traffic tickets in the air, violations of federal air regulations are cited by the FAA, and the pilot's log book can be subject to careful scrutiny.

Flies Every Weekend

"I fly every weekend," said Conover, "often to other airports, where I enjoy looking at old airplanes, or just to get a better look at certain land formations."

When not in use, the plane is tied down at Hanover Airport in New Jersey. (The word "tied" is literal: ropes and hooks are used to ground the plane and to prevent the wind from blowing it over.)

"I have been very lucky; I've only had only one forced landing," he continued, "caused by a spark plug which popped out during midflight. But luck was on my side. I was able to land safely."

The average speed of the 'cub' is 75 m.p.h., which carries with it a definite advantage; there is no reliance on control towers for permission to take off and land; flying is entirely visual. thereby eliminating all problems of air traffic, circling, or standing in long lines to use the runway.

Wife Refuses to Fly

Unfortunately Conover cannot use his plane to fly to remote places during his vacations.

"My wife refuses to fly in our plane. She says she's scared. Yet," he smiled, "she will travel in the big jets.

" But she's grown accustomed to my hobby. She even lets our sons go up with me.

"In fact," said Conover, "my youngest son became a licensed pilot at the age of seventeen, even before receiving his driver's license!"—*(Susan Fleming in Western Electric Newsline, June 22, 1970)*

—— VK ——

Meet America's Jazz Ambassador

By ERNEST L. DYSON

When the White House jazz evening to honor Duke Ellington on his 70th birthday was conceived, one of the first persons consulted about the program was **Willis Conover**, conductor of "Music, U.S.A." for the Voice of America.

Here in the United States, the public might recognize Conover as the sometimes host at the Newport Jazz Festival or the master of ceremonies at jazz concerts.

But in the rest of the world Willis Conover is the personification of jazz and of America for millions of Voice listeners. In the American art form which is jazz, he has achieved a stature never even remotely approached by any other non-musician. He is now in Moscow as the music adviser to the American delegation at the Moscow Film Festival.

His role as one of the principal coordinators in the White House salute to Ellington was, in his words, "an intention to bridge the gap between men of government and those of an art form indigenous to this country." The success was unprecedented — a let-your-hair-down party that rocked the Executive Mansion until 2:30 a.m., a spontaneous outpouring of affection for the Duke, and a bridging not only of the jazz-government gap, but the government-man-in-the-street chasm as well.

Conover feels the White House party was the most important program he's ever produced. He assembled the talented musicians and singers who performed the special concert of Ellingtonia which highlighted the program.

It's ironic that the Conover name is more familiar to the residents of Moscow, Prague or Stockholm than to the average jazz buff in America.

The explanation is simple. Since December, 1954, Conover has been the voice and producer of "Music, U.S.A.," a two-hour program of music broadcast daily by the Voice of America to an audience of more than 30 million persons around the world. But not to the United States.

Rated by Voice officials as the agency's most popular feature, "Music, U.S.A." is beamed to its global listeners at the peak local listening time, always in the evening.

In its 14½ years on the air, the show has provided an exposure of American creativity, minus any undue pomp; shown a rapport among peoples of different cultures and languages and introduced refreshing material for those foreign musicians interested in jazz.

WILLIS CLARK CONOVER

"Jazz is more than a kind of music; it is a way of playing music, a way of sharing the act of musical creation, the inheriting of materials and then reshaping and revitalizing them. It is the musical manifestation of the American spirit; a little loud perhaps, sometimes a little rude, but optimistic and forward-looking with the expanding energy of self-disciplined freedom."
Willis Conover

The biography goes like this: Willis Clark Conover, born Dec. 18, 1920, in Buffalo, N.Y. Boy soprano in church choirs and an early science fiction fan. He still treasures his boyhood correspondence with science fiction writer H. P. Lovecraft.

At Erasmus High in Brooklyn and later in Salisbury, Md., performed in weekend variety shows. Cast as a radio announcer in a high school play, he gave such a convincing performance he was encouraged to try the radio field.

After four years at Maryland State Teacher's College majoring in English literature, he was hired as an announcer by WTBO in Cumberland, Md. Later, he was chief announcer, wrote commercials and organized shows.

A World War II Army radio tour spent interviewing inductees temporarily halted his commercial career but after the war he joined the staff at Washington's WWDC.

"Music, U.S.A." is a two-hour show. The first segment, introduced by Neal Hefti's "Coral Reef" consists of popular music while jazz is the staple on the second half. Its signature is Ellington's theme, "Take the A Train," and the fare covers every style of jazz, traditional to avant garde.

The Conover musical formula: "The popular music should be satisfying, fairly polished — to be enjoyed even if one is not listening with undivided attention. I pick good class bands all the way back and good popular singers like Peggy Lee.

"But jazz should challenge. It must be listened to, like classical music. I try to be selective and representative at the same time. I concentrate on the greats, like Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker and Louis Armstrong. I don't play rock 'n roll."

The show is beamed from VOA relay bases at Tangier, North Africa and Munich, Germany. It was first directed toward the Scandinavian countries but now covers the globe as the transmitting power has increased.

And, regardless of the freezes and thaws in the current political climate, it's one show the Russians haven't jammed, the Voice reports.

In May, 1955, Conover introduced interviews into the jazz portion of the show. Trombonist Kai Winding was his first guest and since then more than 150 jazz giants have appeared. Musical philosophies, jazz experiences, criticisms and opinions take precedence over a recital of vital statistics.

Special events and features add variety to the format and at the same time, keep the overseas listeners abreast of some of unusual facets of the jazz world. On one show Conover showcased the Farmingdale (N. Y.) High School dance band (average age 14); one of the Newport Festivals was programmed over 2½ weeks, and tapes of Hungarian jazzmen, recorded before that nation's revolution, were played with comments added by a panel of U.S. musicians — Gerry Mulligan, Tony Scott, J. J. Johnson, Quincy Jones and Billy Taylor.

There have been memorial tributes devoted to the lives and work of Art Tatum, Clifford Brown, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, John Coltrane and Wes Montgomery. In addition to the best of American jazz, the "Music, U.S.A." programming takes in the work of many Western European, African and other foreign jazzmen.

Conover met his listeners face-to-face for the first time as master of ceremonies for the American jazz concerts at the 1958 Brussels World's Fair.

In 1959-60 he toured Europe and Middle East, lecturing at universities, U.S. Information Services libraries and before local jazz clubs. The tour turned into a triumphal procession for the "Music, U.S.A." host.

Until recently, Conover was a familiar figure at the Newport Jazz Festival as a board member and master of ceremonies. He is now musical director and emcee of the New Orleans Jazz Fest. He is doing a series of broadcasts for VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) that is syndicated to 4000 radio stations.

As a promotion for the Voices of VISTA show, he narrated a recording, "The Empty Streets," with Washington guitarist Charlie Byrd and a string section supplying the accompaniment.

A Conover composition, "Far Off, Close By" has been recorded by him — whistling. He also has written and narrated several television shows; produces and narrates a Mutual network program and has done a Navy Recruiting Service series heard on FM stations. And he lectures at universities and embassies here and abroad.

Happily, musicians recognize his contributions to jazz. When Duke Ellington was asked what he thought his best known composition was, he answered, " 'Take the A Train,' not because it's the best one, but because Willis adopted it as his theme and now it's known throughout the world." — *(The Washington, D.C. Post, Sept. 21, 1969)*

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— *Conographs* —

Back in the States

USS HENDERSON May 8 — Navy Seaman **James E. Conover, Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs.James E. Conover of 12 Third Street, Freehold, N. J. has returned to Long Beach, Calif., following a six-month deployment aboard the destroyer USS HENDERSON with the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific. The Henderson is a veteran of four Vietnam tours of duty.

— VK —

Gets Aviation Indoctrination

Corpus Christi, Texas, July 2, 1970—Midshipman 2/C **Charles D. Conover, Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Conover of Absecon, N. J., is attending three weeks of aviation indoctrination at the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas.

He is a member of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps at Villanova University, Villanova, Pa.

Busy in the DAC and DAR

Mrs. Thomas S. Roberts of New Monmouth, N. J. has just completed a three-year term as First Vice Regent of the State Society, Daughters of the American Colonists (DAC) in charge of programs for the spring and fall assemblies. She has accepted a term as Historian for the State Society. On the local level she has just completed a three-year term as Regent of Penelope Stout Chapter DAC and is now serving as Corresponding Secretary. She is also Recording Secretary of Monmouth Court House Chapter, DAR.

Another Conover family member **Mrs. William Van Brunt** of Long Branch, N. J. is serving her second term as Registrar of Penelope Stout Chapter DAC. Mrs. Bruce Campbell of Shrewsbury, N. J. is serving as State Chairman of By-laws for the DAC. Mrs. Frank Gordon of Freehold,

N. J. has just completed a three-year term as Chaplain of the State Society, DAC, completed a three-year term as First Vice Regent of the Penelope Stout Chapter DAC and is presently serving as Historian. Mrs. John Lyle of Malapan is currently Regent of Monmouth Court House Chapter DAR.

Mrs. William G. Schenck of Little Silver, N. J. has just completed a three-year term as State Second Vice Regent DAC in charge of Historic landmarks and memorials. She has also completed nine years as treasurer of Penelope Stout Chapter DAC and will be serving as its Regent for the next three years and is currently Regent of Monmouth Chapter DAR.—*(Letter to the Editor, July 10, 1970)*

— VK —

Touring Europe in Auto and Trailer

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman L. Conover of Healdsburg, California, visited one week in March with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert T. Conover in Chester, N. J. They shipped their car and trailer by boat and flew to London, England to await the the arrival of their car and trailer

They will spend six months touring all the countries in Europe. While in Holland they will go to Amersfoort, near which is the birthplace of our common ancestor Wolphert Gerretsen Van Kouwenhoven. They will arrive back home in America in October.

— VK —

Named State Shade Tree Head

Mrs. Harrison Conover, Springville Shade Tree Commission president, was elected president of the Utah Association of Shade Tree Commissions succeeding Mrs. Bertrand F. Harrison of Provo during a meeting held in conjunction with the state convention in Salt Lake City Friday.

Mrs. Conover, who has been an ardent worker in civic projects of various kinds, headed the City Beautification Committee prior to her present position and has worked for city beautification and improvement for a number of years; the latest project being the south entrance improvement to the city in conjunction with the State Road Commission. — *(Springville (Utah) Herald, Sept. 24, 1970)*

Elected Governor of Mayflower Society

A former Plainfield resident, **Walter H. Kitchel** of Lakewood, N. J., was elected governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New Jersey at luncheon Saturday at the Governor Morris Inn, Morristown, N. J. The luncheon was in observance of Compact Day and the 350th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims.

Kitchel has previously served as governor of the society, as governor general of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America and as president of the Plainfield Hearing Society. He is also a member of the New England Historical Genealogical Society and a retired CPA of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., New York. He is presently serving as assistant general from the N. J. Society of Mayflower Descendants.—*(The Courier-News, Plainfield, N. J., Nov. 23, 1970)*

— VK —

Named to Board of Trustees

Martin Conover of this city has been named to the Board of Trustees of the Central Utah Alcoholism Council, a division of the Utah Alcohol Foundation according to Ed Shriver, Provo, chairman of the local group.

As head of the service committee of the organization, Mr. Conover will be in charge of public relations, community action, AA liaison, educational and information programs regarding alcoholism. Mr. Conover is currently serving as president of the Utah State Press Association and is publisher of the Springville Herald.—*(Springville (Utah) Herald, Nov. 12, 1970)*

— VK —

In the Family Tradition

New Jersey woman gave birth to twins on January 9, 1971, in Pompton Plains, keeping alive a 400-year-old tradition.

She said her uncle, **Charles Conover** of Clifton, N. J., had traced the family tree back to when a Van Koehaven family came to New Amsterdam from Holland. When he began the genealogical research he knew there had been quite a few twins in the family but he was surprised to find them in 14 consecutive generations.—*(A Newspaper Clipping)*

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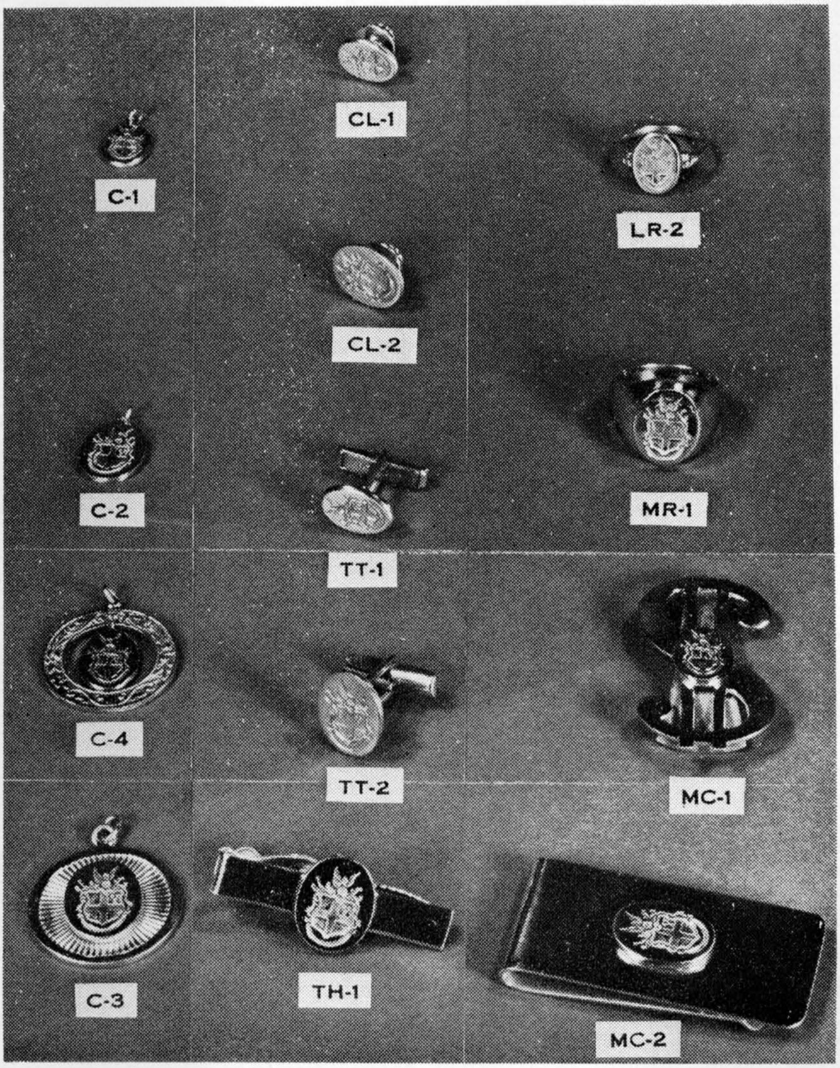
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SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE

346th Anniversary and 75th Annual Reunion

OF THE

VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

JUNE 26, 1971

The Seventy-fifth Annual Reunion of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association was held on Saturday, June 26, 1971 at the Readington Reformed Church in Readington, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Charles P. Conover. He welcomed all who were present and reviewed the events of the past year.

Letters of regret from non-attending members were read by the secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were waived as they will be printed in the Family Bulletin.

It was voted that a letter of protest be sent to Halberts, 3687 Ira Road, Bath, Ohio, in regard to the coat-of-arms and family history that is sold by the above. It was also suggested that a warning notice of the validity be printed in the Family Bulletin.

Treasurer's Report. Elaine Abrahamson, treasurer, gave the following —

Balance on hand June 27, 1970		$1,660.98
Money Received:		
Dues	$ 980.00	
Agent for supplies	415.89	
1970 Reunion Luncheon	303.75	
Luncheon at Fall meeting of Trustees	128.50	
Luncheon at Spring meeting of Trustees	106.25	
	$1,932.39	$1,932.39
		$3,593.37

Balance brought forward		$3,593.37
Paid Out:		
New Jersey State Sales Tax	$ 9.92	
Joseph Jiran for Jewelry	110.45	
H. T. Conover — Printing and Supplies	932.72	
First National Bank of Absecon	23.62	
Venditti for Reunion Flowers	7.88	
Col. Daniel O. Wilson — speaker	20.00	
Seaview Baptist Church	25.00	
Plymouth Inn — catering	314.99	
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Tickets returned for Reunion	13.50	
Union County Retarded Children's Association	10.00	
Smithville Inn for Luncheons	125.25	
Secretary of State of New Jersey	2.00	
Union County Clerk for change of address	5.00	
Deposited in Savings Account	8.59	
Donald V. N. Conover	25.00	
Molly Pitcher Motor Inn	104.87	
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	$1,780.39	$1,780.39
Balance on hand June 26, 1971		$1,812.98
Balance in Savings Account	$363.65	

Historian's Report. Miss Lorraine Conover, historian, reported that the Scrapbooks were in excellent condition and that they would be on display. She also requested that more articles be sent in by members for the Scrapbooks.

Agent for Supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, agent for supplies, reported a total of $403.86 for the sale of supplies for the year of 1970.

Genealogist Report. Mrs. Olive Rundstrom, chairman of the genealogical and membership committee, presented nine names of new members. Those who were in attendance were introduced.

Nominating Committee. Jeffrey Conover, chairman, presented the following names to be trustees —

Mrs. Lola S. Cheney
Herbert T. Conover
Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
Stephen A. Conover
Walter W. Conover
Mrs. Thomas S. Roberts
Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom

There being no other nominations from the floor the report was accepted and the secretary was authorized to cast the ballot and the nominees were declared elected.

Cemetery Committee. Wilson Conover, chairman, reported that the County is taking care of the cemetery.

The next Reunion was discussed.

Mrs. Anna Huff Griscom, who is 95 years of age, read reminiscences of previous reunions that she had attended.

The meeting then adjourned at 11:45 AM and reconvened at 2:30 PM.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Invocation and welcome to the church was by Rev. James Eelman, pastor of the Readington Reformed Church.

Two vocal selections were sung by Layton Smick accompanied by Mrs. S. Layton Smick.

Reminiscences about the Readington Reformed Church by Lorena Cole Vincent traced the Conovers in the Church history. Mrs. Cole Vincent is the author of a book on the history of the church.

The Memorial Service for the deceased members was conducted by Miss Janice D. Conover assisted by Jody Ritter. Mrs. Donald V. N. Conover sang "The Lord's Prayer" accompanied by her husband, Donald Conover.

A talk entitled "My Trip to Holland" was given by Mrs. H. W. Ritter of Chester, N. J.

Distribution of Awards, conducted by Thomas S. Roberts, were as follows — The oldest in attendance, Mrs. Anna Huff Griscom, 95 years of age; youngest in attendance, Jeffrey C. Conover; one who traveled the longest distance, Clarence E. Conover from Hollywood, Florida; families with the greatest number attending, J. Russell Conover of White House Station, N. J. with 8, Ralph Latham of Shrewsbury, N. J. with 5, and the Thomas family of Absecon, N. J. with 5.

Arthur B. Kouwenhoven then presented a gift to Mrs. Ritter for her talk and to Mrs. Olive Rundstrom, retiring chairman of the Membership and Genealogical Committee, giving a brief synopsis of her contributions to the Association.

"Thirty-two years ago, on April 1, 1939, at the Spring meeting of the Executive Council at the Roger Smith Hotel in New Brunswick, Olive Conover Rundstrom was elected a Trustee, replacing Mrs. Aurilla Maps who had resigned.

At the Spring meeting in 1946 the then Genealogical Committee was discharged and a new committee was appointed which included Mrs. Rundstrom and with Mrs. James Edgar continuing as chairman.

At our Fiftieth Anniversary Reunion in Grandin on June 29, 1946, Olive was elected Chairman of the Membership Committee.

And then at the Council meeting in Hopewell in the Spring of 1954, Mrs. Edgar resigned as Chairman of the Genealogical Committee. Olive was appointed Chairman of a combined Membership and Genealogical Committee.

It would hardly be practical to enumerate here all of Olive's many efforts in behalf of our Association. However, I must mention that in 1940 and again in 1948 at the Hotel Traymore, Atlantic City, and on at least three later occasions at the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall in Atlantic City, Olive served as Chairman of Arrangements for our Annual Reunions.

Olive's stature as an authority on the history of Atlantic County and her efforts as a leader in the Batsto Restoration are among the many activities that have brought her distinction. They are achievements of which we, her family, may well be proud.

Now, after 32 years as an active Trustee and after 17 years as Chairman of the Membership and Genealogical Committee, Olive has relinquished the latter responsibility.

I am honored that our President has asked me to present to Olive a token of our affection and esteem. I use these terms advisedly because here, as in so many other instances of voluntary service, virtue must be its own reward.

Neither words nor material tokens can adequately reflect the effort and personal sacrifice of a job so well done.

So, Olive, it is my pleasure to present to you this token of our affection and esteem for you."

The following resolution was read and incorporated in the minutes:

RESOLUTION. *The Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association gratefully acknowledges the devotion of the retiring Chairman of the Membership and Genealogical Committee, Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom. First elected a Trustee in April, 1939, Mrs. Rundstrom has since been active on many special assignments in addition to performing with distinctive loyalty, her responsibilities as Chairman of the Membership and Genealogical Committee for the past seventeen years.*

The meeting was then closed in the traditional manner by singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." The Benediction was given by Rev. James C. Eelman.

Respectfully submitted, LOLA S. CHENEY, Secretary

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Report of the Board of Trustees' Fall (1971) Meeting

OCTOBER 16, 1971

The regular fall meeting of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association was held on October 16, 1971 at Petersons' in Lakewood, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Charles P. Conover, with the following Trustees in attendance: George Conover, Mrs. William G. Schanck, Wilson N. Conover, Mrs. S. Layton Smick, Mrs. Lola S. Cheney, Herbert T. Conover, Walter W. Conover, Mrs. Thomas S. Roberts, Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Arthur B. Kouwenhoven, Miss Janice Conover, Charles P. Conover, Harold A. Conover, William R. Conover, Mrs. Harriet Stryker-Rodda, Donald V. M. Conover, Walter Kitchel, Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson, Thomas S. Roberts, Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, and nine guests.

A letter of thanks was read from the Readington Reformed Church where the Annual Reunion was held in June 1971.

The minutes of the Spring Trustees meeting and the Annual Reunion were read by the secretary and approved.

Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson, treasurer, reported as follows:

Balance on hand June 26, 1971		$1,812.98
Money Received:		
Dues	$ 797.00	
New Members	40.00	
Luncheons at 1971 Reunion	417.50	1,254.50
		$3,067.48
Paid Out:		
Ladies Auxiliary Readington Volunteer Fire Co.	$ 363.50	
Walter Kitchel	5.00	
Herbert T. Conover	76.53	
Secretary of State	1.00	
Charles P. Conover	8.30	
Reverend Eelman	25.00	
Joseph Jiran for Jewelry	163.53	
N. J. State Sales Tax	8.24	
Service Charge for Bank	8.24	
Deposited in Savings Account	52.59	$ 715.09
Balance on hand October 16, 1971		$2,352.39
Savings Account Balance	416.24	

Membership Committee Report. Mrs. Thomas S. Roberts, genealogist and committee chairman, reported ten Ancestral and three Associate members. The report was accepted.

Agent for Supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, agent for supplies, turned over $37.55 from the sale of jewelry and supplies sold since her last report.

As the former supplier of jewelry has gone out of business a new supplier must be obtained. This matter was turned over to the Agent for Supplies, also the matter of some jewelry that needed to be adjusted as to prices.

The Family Bulletin. Herbert T. Conover, editor, reported that the Bulletin should be out by the end of November.

The Cemetery Committee. Wilson N. Conover, chairman, reported that the County had again cleaned out the Covenhoven-Schanck Cemetery.

Arthur B. Kouwenhoven reported that letters regarding delinquent dues had been sent to twenty members. Three were returned because of address unknown and one check was received.

The meeting then adjourned for lunch and reconvened at 2:15 PM.

There being now business, new business was in order.

The president appointed the Nominating Committee for the year 1972: Jeffrey Conover, Donald V. N. Conover and George Conover.

The Next Annual Reunion will be held on June 24, 1972. Suggested meeting places were Medford Lakes and Atlantic City. The Reunion Committee was appointed by the president as follows: George Conover, chairman; Mida Smick, Elaine Abrahamson and Lola Cheney.

A Trip to Holland to be sponsored by the Association was then discussed. The trip is to be open to the families and friends of the members. A committee was then appointed to look into the matter and to make arrangements: Charles Conover, chairman; Janice Conover, Donald Conover and Lola Cheney.

The next Trustees meeting will be held at Petersons Sunset Cabin, Lakewood, N. J. on April 22, 1972.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, LOLA S. CHENEY, Secretary

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Report of the Board of Trustees' Spring (1972) Meeting

APRIL 22, 1972

The regular Spring meeting of the Trustees of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association was held on April 22, 1972 at Petersons Sunset Cabin in Lakewood, N. J.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Charles P. Conover, with the following trustees in attendance: Jeffrey C. Conover, Wilson Conover, Mrs. Lola Cheney, Mrs. Thomas S. Roberts, Janice Conover, Donald V. N. Conover, Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson, Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, Mrs. William G. Schanck, Mrs. S. Layton Smick, Herbert T. Conover, Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom, Charles P. Conover, Walter Kitchel, Thomas S. Roberts and seven guests.

The minutes of the Annual meeting and the Fall Trustees meeting were read by the secretary and approved.

Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson, treasurer, reported as follows:

Balance on hand October 16, 1971		$2,352.39
Money Received:		
Dues and new members	$ 121.00	
Sale of jewelry and supplies	153.01	274.01
		$2,626.40
Paid Out:		
N. J. State Sales Tax	$ 5.46	
Checks returned	10.50	
Herbert T. Conover — Bulletin and postage	615.82	
Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom — postage	9.54	641.32
		$1,985.08
Balance on hand April 22, 1972	$1,985.08	

Membership Committee. Mrs. Thomas S. Roberts, genealogist and chairman, reported eleven Ancestral members and three Associate members.

Agent for Supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, agent for supplies, reported sales of $22.75 since her last report.

The Family Bulletin. Herbert T. Conover, editor, reported that the Bulletin had been sent out and some had been returned with no forwarding address.

Cemetery Committee. Wilson Conover, chairman, reported on the condition of the Covenhoven-Schanck Cemetery.

Historian's Report. Miss Lorraine Conover being absent, there was no report.

The president made a short report on the proposed trip to Holland. An endeavor will be made to have an audience with the Queen of the Netherlands.

A motion was made by Thomas Roberts that we secure a new supplier of the family jewelry. It recommended that we purchase directly from the manufacturer and to contact Autrey Bros., Inc., East 39th and Kearney St., Denver, Colorado, and a report made. The motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 for lunch and reconvened at 2:45 PM.

First order of business was the Annual Reunion which will be held at Petersons Sunset Cabin. The price will be $4.50. Mrs. S. Layton Smick will be in charge of reservations. The speaker will be Alfred W. Baird, World Traveler, who will speak on Holland and England.

The chairman of the Nominating Committee, Jeffrey Conover, presented the following names for trustees for a three year term: Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson, Charles P. Conover, Miss Lorraine Conover, Harold Conover, Miss Janice D. Conover and John Lyle. This report was accepted.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on October 14 at Petersons Sunset Cabin, Lakewood, N. J.

There were two suggested places for the 1973 Annual Reunion, Cranford and Old Tennent Church, Freehold.

The meeting then adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, LOLA S. CHENEY, Secretary

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SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE

347th Anniversary and 76th Annual Reunion

OF THE

VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

JUNE 24, 1972

The Annual Reunion of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association was held on June 24, 1972 at Peterson's Sunset Cabin, Lakewood, New Jersey.

The meeting was opened by the president, Charles P. Conover. He welcomed those in attendance and gave a brief review of the events of the past year.

The secretary read the minutes of the trustees and previous reunion. Communications from absent members were also read.

Treasurer's Report. The report was presented as follows:

Balance on hand June 1971		$1,812.98
Money Received:		
Dues and New Members	$ 973.00	
Luncheon for 1971 Reunion	417.50	
Sale of Supplies and Jewelry	175.76	1,566.26
		$3,379.24
Paid Out:		
Ladies Auxiliary Readington Vol. Fire Co.	$ 365.50	
Walter Kitchel	5.00	
Herbert T. Conover, Printing and Postage	692.35	
Secretary of State of N. J.	1.00	
Charles P. Conover for flowers	8.30	
Reverend Eelman	25.00	
Joseph C. Jiran for Jewelry	163.53	
N. J. State Sales Tax	16.86	
Bank Service Charge	8.24	
Deposited in Savings Account	52.59	
Check returned	10.50	
Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom for Postage	9.54	
Mrs. Thomas Roberts for Postage	10.00	
Poley Brothers for Flowers	15.75	$1,382.16
Balance on hand June 25, 1972		$1,997.08

Historian's Report. Miss Lorraine Conover, reported that she had received very few communications from the members. She had the Scrapbooks placed on display for those who were interested.

Agent for Supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, reported supplies sold since the 1971 Reunion amounted to $131.75.

Membership Committee Report. Mrs. Thomas Roberts, genealogist and membership chairman, reported 22 new members received since the last Reunion.

Cemetery Committee. Wilson Conover, chairman, said he had nothing to report at this time.

Nominating Committee. Jeffrey C. Conover, chairman, submitted the following names for Trustees for 1972-1975:

Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson	Miss Lorraine Conover
Harold Conover	John Lyle
Charles P. Conover	Harold E. Conover, Jr.
Miss Janice D. Conover	

Officers for the term of two years:

President — Charles P. Conover
Second Vice President — Wilson N. Conover
Secretary — Mrs. Lola S. Cheney
Treasurer — Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson
Membership and Genealogist — Mrs. Thomas Roberts
Agent for Supplies — Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
Editor of Family Bulletin — Herbert T. Conover
Agent — Walter H. Kitchel

The report was accepted, and the secretary was authorized to cast the ballot. The new trustees were asked to stand.

Reunions. The next reunion was then discussed and also the fact that in 1975 it will be the three hundred and fiftieth (350th) anniversary of the arrival of the family in America from Holland, and that we should be planning for a special observation. It was suggested that we look into going to the Dutch Reformed Church in Flatlands, N. Y. Also the possibility for chartering a bus for this occasion.

The meeting was then adjourned for dinner at 12 noon and reconvened at 2:05 PM. Visitors and new members were introduced.

The names of the members and friends who were going on the trip to Holland were read.

The following resolution was read by the secretary.

RESOLUTION

Whereas God in his infinite mercy has chosen to take our beloved cousin, Walter W. Conover, into his heavenly home on June 3, 1972, be it hereby resolved that the members of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association express great sorrow in the loss of our devoted member, trustee, and Vice-President.

Be it also resolved that the members of our Association extend our deepest sympathy to his bereaved widow and family, for Walter was a valued member who has been one of the pillars of our Association in helping to continue its growth.

His membership dates back to the early years of our founding and he has served many years as trustee, and, at the time of his death held the office of First Vice-President. His death is a personal loss to the officers and to the members, for he was a dedicated and sincere friend, beloved by us all.

Therefore — be it resolved that the Officers, Trustees, and members of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association do, by this resolution, recognize the significant contribution made by our late Vice President, and request that these resolutions be made a part of the minutes of the Association, that they be printed in the Family Bulletin, and that a copy be sent to his bereaved widow.

CHARLES P. CONOVER, President
LOLA CHENEY, Secretary

Dated June 24, 1972

Memorial Service. The service for those members who were deceased the past year was conducted by Miss Janice Conover. The musical selections were sung by Mrs. Donald Conover accompanied by her husband.

George Conover introduced the speaker, Mrs. Alfred W. Baird of Cranford, N. J., a world-wide traveler, who showed a movie on Holland and England and commented on same.

Distribution of Awards. Arthur B. Kouwenhoven opened the Distribution of Awards with a special commentary on two of the members who have served the Association for a long period of time.

"Herbert T. Conover, in his eighty-seventh year, has been a member of the Family Association for fourty-two years. He has only missed attending the meetings one time. He has been a trustee since 1936 and Editor of the Bulletin for 34 years. His wife, of sixty years, Viola Conover, has been Agent for-Supplies since 1940. To these two fine people the Association owes a great deal. In place of the usual award, a coat-of-arms, a contribution will be made to their favorite charity."

Thomas Roberts then presented gifts to the following:

1) The Oldest — Florence Wheeler, Point Pleasant Beach, N. J.
2) The Youngest — Jeffrey Conover, Jr., 2 yrs., Neshanic Station, N. J.
3) The Person Who Traveled the Greatest Distance — Ann Conover Carson, Washington, D. C.
4) The Family with the Largest Number in Attendance — Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Conover and family of Holmdel, N. J.

The president thanked those who had helped make the Reunion a success; the chairman and his committee, Mr. and Mrs. S. Layton Smick who took charge of the ticket reservations, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald V. N. Conover for their music.

The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, LOLA S. CHENEY, Secretary

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Report of the Board of Trustees' Fall (1972) Meeting

OCTOBER 14, 1972

The regular Fall meeting of the Trustees of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association was held on October 14, 1972 at Peterson's Sunset Cabin, Lakewood, N. J.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by the president, Charles P. Conover, with the following trustees in attendance:

George Conover
Wilson Conover
Herbert T. Conover
Mrs. Thomas Roberts
Harold A. Conover
Charles P. Conover
Miss Janice Conover
Howard E. Conover
Walter Kitchel
Donald V. N. Conover
Mrs. Lola Cheney
Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
Mrs. William G. Schanck
Arthur B. Kouwenhoven
Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson

There were sixteen trustees and eight guests, making a total of twenty-four present. The president welcomed those in attendance and regrets were read from those who were unable to attend.

The minutes of the Spring Trustees meeting and the Annual Reunion were read by the Secretary and approved.

Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Elaine Abrahamson, treasurer, read the following:

Balance on Hand June 25, 1972		$1,997.08
Money Received:		
1972 Reunion Luncheons	$ 445.50	
Dues and New Members	506.00	
Sale of Supplies	16.50	$ 968.00
		$2,965.08
Paid Out:		
Herbert T. Conover for postage and stationery	$ 148.25	
Library Fund 1st Presbyterian Church, Cranford	15.00	
Charles P. Conover	14.43	
Peterson's Sunset Cabin	393.00	
Elaine Abrahamson for postage	12.00	
N. J. State Sales Tax	1.12	$ 583.80
Balance on Hand October 14, 1972		$2,381.28

Membership Committee. Mrs. Thomas Roberts, chairman and genealogist, reported eight new Ancestral members and one Associate member received.

Agent for Supplies Report. Mrs. Herbert T. Conover, reported that the price of jewelry has become so high and unstable that we should make some decision about future purchases. It was decided to table the discussion until after lunch.

Cemetery Committee. Wilson Conover, chairman, reported that the County has cleaned up the cemetery.

A short report was given on the trip to Holland that had been planned by members of the Association and took place in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 for lunch and reconvened at 2:15 PM.

The discussion about the jewelry and supplies was reopened. Motion was made that it be left up to Herbert and Viola Conover as to the jewelry supplier.

Also a motion that the ring be sent to the party who had sent two checks for the same and the Association pay the difference due to the instability of the price. The motion was made by Walter Kitchel and seconded by Arthur B. Kouwenhoven.

The 1973 Annual Reunion. George Conover, Lorraine Conover and Harold Conover were appointed as the acting Reunion Committee.

The 1973 Reunion will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Cranford, New Jersey on Saturday, June 23, 1973. The lunch will be served by the Women's Association of the church.

The president appointed the Nominating Committee for 1973: Mrs. William G. Schanck, Wilson Conover and Thomas Roberts.

Committee for the 1975 Reunion: Arthur Kouwenhoven, Walter Kitchel and Mrs. Leonard Rundstrom. It was suggested that Grandin, New Jersey might be a good place to hold this Reunion.

The Spring Trustees meeting will be held Saturday, April 14, 1973 at Peterson's Sunset Cabin, Lakewood, New Jersey.

Under new business the disposition of three card files presented by Elsworth Conover to the Association was discussed. A motion was made and carried that they be pursued by the genealogist, Mrs. Thomas Roberts, and by Herbert T. Conover, Editor of the Family Bulletin and all pertinent information be extracted for their records and that they be authorized to dispose of the file at their discretion.

The question of a family tree was brought up by George Conover. Walter Kitchel pointed out that this would entail a tremendous amount of work.

There being no more business the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, LOLA S. CHENEY, Secretary

— *New Members* —

OCTOBER 16, 1971

Mr. Elmer Dietz
12 Cooper Street
Babylon, L. I., N.Y. 11702

Mr. Richard A. Conover
333 Lacey Ave., Apt. A3
Doylestown, Pa. 18901

Mr. Carlyle (Carl) Conover
Thurston Ave., Sweetwater
Hammonton, New Jersey 08037

Mr. William Harrison Conover
157 West 2nd Street
Springville, Utah 84663

Mr. Kirk H. Conover
4444 West Point Loma Blvd., Apt. 96
San Diego, Calif. 92106

Mr. Wallace Owen Conover
Holiday, Florida 33589

Mr. Gerald D. Conover
Dearborn, Michigan 48120

Mrs. Harry L. Van Braclin, Jr.
33 North Hunter Ave.
Auburn, N.Y. 13021

Miss Jane Lokerson Snedeker
Province Line Road
Princeton, N. J. 08540

APRIL 22, 1972

Mr. Donald W. Conover
1907 Robinson Avenue, Apt. 205
San Diego, Calif. 92104

Mr. James William Conover
2 Ridge Hill Road
Norwell, Mass. 02061

Mrs. Charles G. Boice
210 Via Mentone
Newport Beach, Calif. 92660

Mrs. Edgar L. Bastedo
657 17th Street
Manhattan Beach, Calif. 92660

Mr. George Edward Conover
2 Cypress Avenue
Verona, N. J. 07044

Mr. Edward John Conover
626 Oak Drive
Greenwood, Indiana 46142

Miss Jean G. Scudier
196-28 43rd Avenue
Flushing, N.Y. 11365

Mr. Richard DeMott Conover, Jr.
Conover Hill Farm, R.D. #2
Ulster, Pa. 18850

Mr. Lawrence Harlan Conover
R.D. #1
Toddville, Iowa

Miss Marilyn Joan Conover
909 Peral St., Apt. 109
Denver, Colorado 80203

Mrs. Richard J. Collins
R.D. #1
Mays Landing, N. J. 08330

Capt. Wolfert D. Conover
1824 Blue Ball Drive
Holiday, Florida 33589

Mrs. Lloyd Wallen
Unadilla, Nebraska 68454

Mr. William J. Dorning
R.D. #1
Randall, Wash. 98277

Mrs. Ralph B. Kelly
333 Arthur Street
Plymouth, Mich. 48170

OCTOBER 14, 1972

Mr. Garrett Dille Conover
1103 Franklin Street
Valpariso, Indiana 46383

Mr. Earle J. Conover
18 Brescia Blvd.
Highland, N.Y. 12528

Miss Margaretta R. Kowenhoven
Manning Lane
Lawrenceville, N. J. 08648

Mrs. Ann Budd Wood
133 East 80th Street
New York, N.Y. 10021

Mrs. Mary Stryker Conover Mills
3391 U.S. Highway #22
Somerville, N. J. 08876

Mr. Daniel D. Van Mater, Jr.
Mt. Pleasant Road
Columbus, N. J. 08022

Miss Mary Ann Conover
2642 Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Rd.
Trenton, N. J. 08690

Mr. James C. Conover
45 Grover Avenue
Princeton, N. J. 08540

The European Tour JULY 5-19, 1972

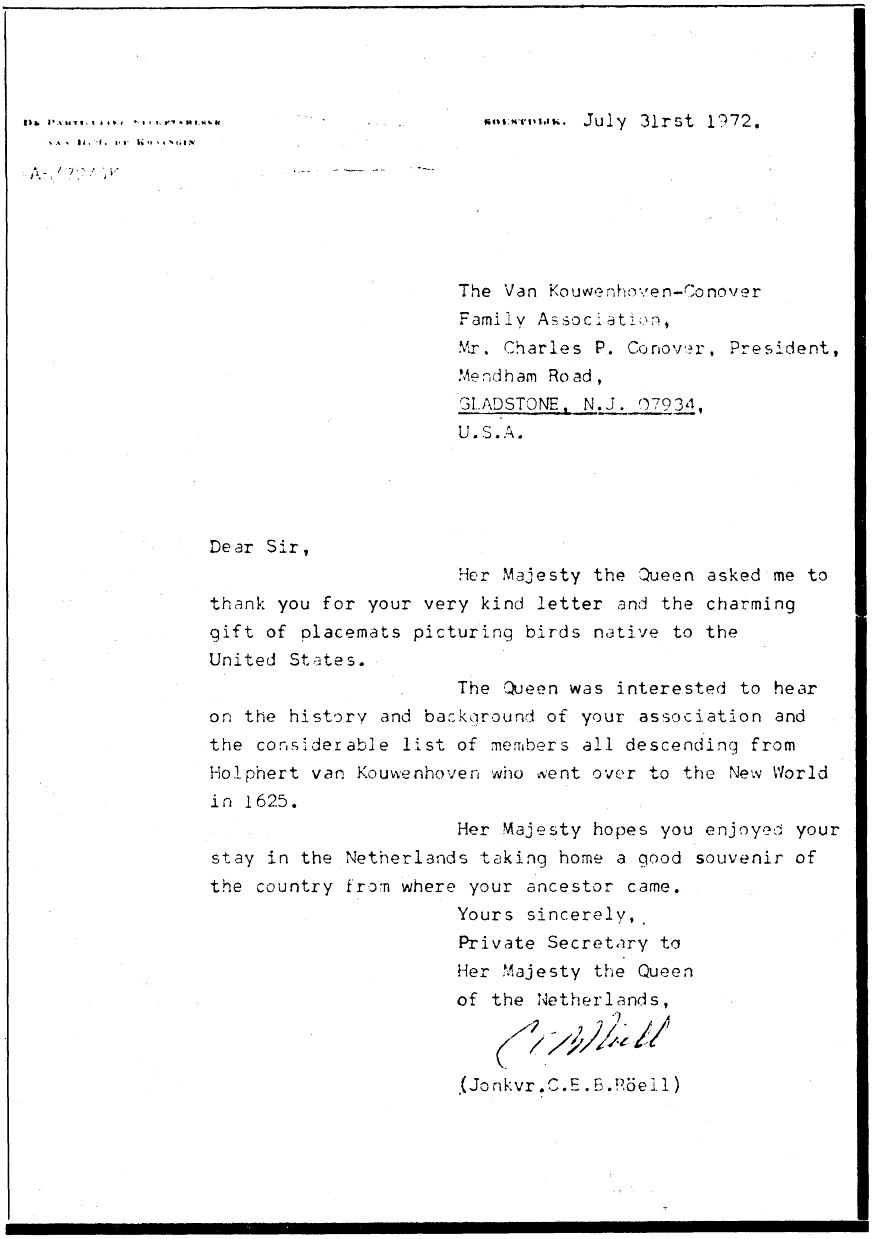
Amsterdam, Amersfoort, Paris, London

Eighteen members of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association enjoyed their tour abroad. They were (reading the picture from left to right) Miss Marguerite Coligan, Carl Conover, Mrs. Lola Cheney, Mrs. Carl Conover, Miss Janice Conover, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kitchel, Mr. and Mrs. Donald V. N. Conover, Mrs. Charles P. Conover, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wortman, Charles P. Conover and Miss Linda Ross. Missing from the picture are Mrs. Lloyd Conover, Mrs. Frank Rabinsky, Mrs. Julia Franks and Mrs. Malcolm Edmonston.

Leaving New York J.F.K. Airport 8:10 PM via KLM Royal Dutch Airline on July 5 they arrived in Amsterdam during the early morning July 6. During the 5 days stay in Amsterdam there were many excursions into the surrounding country, one of which was to Amersfoort, the ancestral home of the Van Kouwenhoven Family. They also visited the Royal Residence at Soestdijk, the Queen was absent but they left a memento of their visit which the Queen later acknowledged.

On Tuesday, July 11th, they left Amsterdam and arrived in Paris. They were in Paris 4 days during which they visited many exciting historic places and the Bastille Day festivities. Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Conover were especially thrilled by an invitation to visit with Arthur Watson, the U.S. Ambassador to France, at the U.S. Embassy. In this "small world," it seems that Charles' father and Mr. Watson's father once operated adjoining farms in Oldwick, N. J. and so Charles and Arthur had a fine time reminiscing about their boyhood in New Jersey.

On Saturday, July 15th, at mid-day they left Paris for London. After sightseeing in London and suburbs Sunday, Monday and Tuesday they arrived back in New York about noon July 19th.



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SOESTDIJK. July 31rst 1972.

The Van Kouwenhoven-Conover
Family Association,
Mr. Charles P. Conover, President,
Mendham Road,
GLADSTONE, N.J. 07934,
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

Her Majesty the Queen asked me to thank you for your very kind letter and the charming gift of placemats picturing birds native to the United States.

The Queen was interested to hear on the history and background of your association and the considerable list of members all descending from Holphert van Kouwenhoven who went over to the New World in 1625.

Her Majesty hopes you enjoyed your stay in the Netherlands taking home a good souvenir of the country from where your ancestor came.

Yours sincerely,
Private Secretary to
Her Majesty the Queen
of the Netherlands,

(Jonkvr.C.E.B.Röell)

The Queen's Acknowledgment of Their Visit

Recent Events in the Family Circle

— Births —

William Carl Conover, born September 5, 1971 to Mr. and Mrs. William George Conover of 911 Ellison Street, Falls Church, Virginia. The baby's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Conover, RR#2, Merry Oaks 3, East Moline, Illinois.

Carol Elizabeth Fialka, born March 19, 1973 to John and Jean Conover of Mullen Road, White House Station, N. J.

Angela Lynette Reaney, born January 28, 1972 to Mr. and Mrs. John Reaney of Mediapolis, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. William Turner of Burlington, Iowa are grandparents.

Teresa Dee Larson, born March 22, 1972 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Larson of Salt Lake City, Utah. Mrs. Grace M. Conover of Reno, Nevada is the baby's great-grandmother.

— Marriages —

Anne Conover Ambrose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Conover of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Thomas Bode Carson were married November 14, 1970 in the Little Sanctuary Saint Albans School, Washington, D.C. They are residing at 2810 North Glade St., N.W. Washington, D. C.

Candance F. Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conover of RD #1, Asbury, N. J. and Wayne D. Eick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anson Eick of Main Street, Glen Gardner, N. J. were married July 1, 1972 in the United Methodist Church in High Bridge, N.J. with the Rev. Wayne Cramsey officiating.

Mrs. Eick was graduated from High Bridge High School and Bryman Dental Assistant School. Her husband attended North Hunterdon Regional High School and is employed by C and F Metal Fabricators in Somerville, N. J.

Janet Conover Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lough Smith of Westernport, Maryland and William N. Devens, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Devens, also of Westernport, were married March 4, 1972 at Trinity Methodist Church, Piedmont.

The bride will be a senior in the fall at Fairmont State College, Fairmont, W. Va. Mr. Devens attended West Virginia University, Morgantown, and is employed by Stone and Webster, Mt. Storm, W. Va.

Jeanne Conover, daughter of Mrs. Robert H. Fagen of Chester, N. J. and Wesley L. Conover of Gladstone, N. J. was married recently (1972) to Richard R. Nied, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Nied, of 100 Cross Road, Basking Ridge, N. J. in Saint Luke's Episcopal Church.

The groom is a graduate of Newark State College. He is assistant purchasing agent at All Souls' Community Hospital, Morristown, N. J.

John Wesley Conover, IV, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Conover III of Conovertown, N. J. and Dawn Elizabeth Canter, daughter of Mrs. Alma Canter of Pleasantville, N. J. and Homer Canter of Johnstown, Pa., were married February 12, 1972 in Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church.

Mrs. Conover, a graduate of Pleasantville High School is employed by Max Gurwicz and Sons. Mr. Conover, a graduate of Oakcrest High School is employed by Muskett Builders, Inc.

Judith Donna Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Richard Conover of 124 Troy Hills Road, Whippany, N. J. and Paul J. Treliak, of Westfield, N. J., son of Mr. Paul Treliak, Sr. of Beaver, Pa. and the late Ann E. Treliak, were married August 7, 1971 in the First Presbyterian Church, Whippany, N. J.

The bride is also the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Conover of Locust Avenue, Dover, N. J.

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346th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
VAN KOUWENHOVEN-CONOVER FAMILY
IN AMERICA
AND THE

75th ANNUAL REUNION
OF THE
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SATURDAY, JUNE THE TWENTY-SIXTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE
READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH
READINGTON, NEW JERSEY

— Program —

— VK —

Registration — 10:30 A.M.

Annual Meeting - 11:00 a.m.

Readington Firehouse

WELCOME AND REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR
Charles P. Conover, President

BUSINESS MEETING

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Secretary -	- Mrs. Lola S. Cheney
Treasurer -	Mrs. Robert A. Abrahamson
Historian -	- Miss Lorraine Conover
Agent-for-Supplies	Mrs. Herbert T. Conover
Genealogist -	Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Cemetery Committee	- Wilson N. Conover
Nominating Committee	- Thomas S. Roberts

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

— VK —

Luncheon - 12:30 p.m.

In the Readington Firehouse Dining Room

Afternoon Meeting - 2:30 p.m.

In the Readington Reformed Church

INVOCATION AND WELCOME — Rev. James C. Eelman, Pastor
Readington Reformed Church

VOCAL SELECTIONS . . . S. Layton Smick
Mrs. S. Layton Smick, Accompanist

REMINISCENSES ABOUT THE READINGTON CHURCH
Lorena Cole Vincent

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS Mrs. Leonard G. Rundstrom
Genealogist and Chairman of Membership Committee

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS (See back page)
Conducted by Miss Janice D. Conover

TALK "My Trips to Holland" . Mrs. H. W. Ritter, Chester, N.J.

DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS
By Past Presidents Arthur B. Kouwenhoven and Thomas S. Roberts

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Is like to that above.

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BENEDICTION . . . Rev. James C. Eelman

— Memorial Service —

(People standing)

Leader—Miss Janice D. Conover
of Somerville, N. J.

Leader: We dedicate these moments to those of our family who have answered God's call.

Reading by the Leader

It is with great sorrow that we present the following names of members who have entered the Presence of the King.

Leader reads the names of deceased members and flower is placed in vase for each one.

HERBERT W. VAN COUENHOVEN, Ocean Grove, N. J., Nov. 18, 1969
MRS. ROBERT A. TOTTY, Petersburg, Va., April 24, 1970
CHARLES A. BIRD, Roselle, N. J.. July 12, 1970
MISS PRISCILLA CONOVER, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, July 18, 1970
MRS. LUCRETIA K. CALLMER, Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 23, 1971
MRS. J. RUSSELL CONOVER, Flanders, N. J., June 1971

Leader: May we bow our heads in prayer.

O God, Thou who are infinite, and whose wisdom is far beyond our ability to understand, we thank Thee for Thy guidance and comfort of the spirit of those who so faithfully lived among us and have returned to Thee. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Vocal Solo—"The Lord's Prayer" - . *Albert Hay Malotte*
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MRS. FAYETTA C. MUSSER, Glendale, California, September 25, 1971
JAMES F. CONOVER, Clearwater, Florida, December 3, 1971
MRS. ELLA G. FLECK, Stratford, Connecticut, February 19, 1972
MRS. CHARLES A. BIRD, Roselle, New Jersey, March 1, 1972
MRS. EDGAR CONOVER, Absecon, New Jersey, March 28, 1972
MILTON CONOVER, Middletown, Connecticut, May 6, 1972
WALTER W. CONOVER, Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, June 3, 1972

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(People seated)

Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me
And may there be no moaning
At the bar when I put out to sea.

Twilight and evening bell
And after that the dark
And may there be no sadness
Of farewell when I embark.

VOCAL SOLOS—"The Lord's Prayer" - - *Albert Hay Malotte*
"How Great Thou Art"
Mrs. Donald V. N. Conover, Soloist—Donald V. N. Conover, Accompanist

The bride is a graduate of Trenton State College and a first grade teacher in Westfield, N. J.

The groom attended California State College, California, Pa. and is now a student at Newark State College. He is employed as a claims adjuster with General Adjustment Bureau, East Orange, N. J.

Nancy Carol Conover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Conover of 24550 Lyon Avenue, Hemet, Calif. and Peter A. Myll were married on July 3, 1971, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Hemet. Peter is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Myll of Louisville, Kentucky.

The impressive double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Myll, pastor of St. Matthew's Church of Louisville, who journeyed from Kentucky to officiate at his son's wedding.

The new Mrs. Myll was graduated from Hemet High School and Chapman College. She is a school teacher. Her new husband was graduated from University of the South, Tennessee.

The young couple is now residing in Tustin, California.

Walter F. Conover III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Conover Jr. of Princeton, N. J., and Susanne Theresa Naylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Naylor Sr. of Lambertville, N. J. were married November 5, 1972 in Saint John's Church by Rev. Paul S. Hammond.

The bride, an alumna of South Hunterdon Regional High School, the Franklin School of Science and Art and All Souls Hospital School of X-ray Technology, is an X-ray technician at Princeton Medical Center.

Mr. Conover is a graduate of Mercersburg Academy and Drew University and is a senior marketing consultant with Marketing Survey and Research Corp. in Princeton, N. J.

Debra Lynn Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Peterson of Mediapolis, Iowa and John Charles Reaney were married August 27, 1971 in the First United Presbyterian Church, Mediapolis, Iowa. The young couple will reside in Columbus Junction, Iowa.

Patricia Ellen Kelley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blair Kelley of 333 Arthur St., Plymouth, Mich. and Joseph Matchette Walters III were married May 27, 1972 in Dixboro Methodist Church, Dixboro, Mich.

Andrea Stryker-Rodda, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kenn Stryker-Rodda of 1341 North Ave., Elizabeth, N. J., and James Laurence Kepner (James Howard Laurence) were married November 20, 1971 in the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn Heights, N. Y.

— *Anniversaries* —

Mr. and Mrs. G. Earl Conover of 59 Marie Avenue, Somerville, N. J., were given a 50th wedding anniversary party Saturday, October 21, 1972 at the Readington Firehouse by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeDecker of Branchburg. N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Conover were married on October 21, 1922, in Readington by the Rev. B. V. D. Wyckoff.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert T. Conover of 92 East Main St., Chester, N. J. were given a 60th wedding anniversary party in Kay Memorial Hall, Peapack, N. J. by Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Conover of Gladstone, N.J. Over 100 relatives and friends were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Conover were married Oct. 29, 1912 in Morristown, N. J. by Rev. Charles F. Wood of Providence, R. I., a former pastor of the First Congregational Church in Chester.

Mr. Conover is editor of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Bulletin.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Conover of 4705 Ventnor Avenue, Ventnor, N. J. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 9th, 1972.

The couple were married Nov. 9, 1922 in Media, Pa., by the Rev. Wm. Kruse. Shortly afterwards they came to this area and in 1925 he joined Ventnor Fire Department. He retired as chief March 1, 1972, after 47 years of service with the department.

— Deaths —

Anna M. Conover, 66 years of age, of 101 Harlan School Road, Somerville, N. J., in Somerset Hospital, Somerville, died August 19, 1972.

Born in Bayonne on January 7, 1906, Mrs. Conover was the daughter of the late Adolph and Wiilhelmina Johnert Miller.

She resided most of her life in the Pittstown area until 1968 when she moved to Somerville.

Mrs. Conover was a member of the Quakertown United Methodist Church, a member and past matron of Stewart Chapter 166, OES of Clinton, a member of Oak Grove Grange 119 of Pittstown and a member of the Hunterdon County Pomona Grange.

Surviving are her husband, Nelson S. Conover; one son, Brevoort of Belvidere, N. J.; one daughter, Mrs. A. Marie O'Neill of Pinellas Park, Fla.; a brother, Christian Miller of Glasgow, Scotland; one sister, Mrs. Marie W. Snyder of Pittstown, N. J. and four grandchildren.

Interment was in Locust Grove Cemetery, Quakertown, N. J.

Benjamin Conover, 80 years of age, of 310 Ohio Avenue, Absecon, N. J., died September 18, 1971, in Our Lady's Residence, Pleasantville, N. J., after a lengthy illness.

Born in Atlantic City, he was an area resident all his life. He was a house-painting contractor.

Survivors include his wife, Daisy; a son, Floyd Conover; a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Leeds; a brother, Harry; three sisters, Miss Laura Conover, Mrs. Clara Bird, Mrs. Violet Van Sant, all of Absecon; and 11 grandchildren.

Interment was in Absecon Presbyterian cemetery.

Bertha Conover Philhower, 79 years of age, of Fairmount Road, Long Valley, N. J., died April 16, 1972 in Somerset Hospital, Somerville, N. J.

She was born in Fairmount, a daughter of the late Elias B. and Julia Ann Jaquish Conover, and lived in the Fairmount area all her life. Her husband, Edward Philhower, died in 1968.

She was a member of the Califon United Methodist Church, and the Welcome valley Club of the Church.

Surviving are her sister, Mrs. Nellie C. Blazure of Pottersville, N. J. and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Fairmount Rural Cemetery.

Charles R. Conover, 63 years of age, of 527 Coleman Place, Westfield, N. J., died December 3, 1971 in his home.

Born in Garwood, N. J., Mr. Conover was a Westfield resident for many years.

A communications consultant, he was employed by New York Bell Telephone for 45 years. He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and the United Methodist Church of Westfield.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; a daughter, Mrs. Bernard Kury; a son, Leslie R.; a brother, Harold, and two grandchildren.

Charles W. Conover, 84 years of age, of 8501 Ravere St., Rockford, Illinois, died March 18, 1971, in St. Anthony Hospital.

He was born April 15, 1886, in Byron, Ill., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Conover. He lived 37 years in Rockford, coming here from Byron. On November 17, 1923 he married Margaret Davidson in Oak Park, Ill.

Mr. Conover was employed as crib manager by Beardsley & Piper, Loves Park, Ill., for 20 years. Retired in 1963. Formerly employed by Rockford Newspapers. Veteran of World War I, serving in the Canadian Army for four years. He was an elder in Westminster Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his widow, Margaret; four daughters, Mrs. Margaret Harris and Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, both of Rockford; Mrs. Barbara Phillips and Mrs. Elayne DeVan, both of Loves Park; three sons, Charles Stuart of LaGrange, and David C. and Gordon G., both of Rockford; 17 grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Charles Crowley of Clearwater, Fla. One brother and six sisters preceded him in death.

Dorothy Crownover Orton, 75 years of age, wife of Francis E. Orton, died February 26, 1972 at Bryan Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was born July 20, 1897 in Syracuse, Nebraska, the daughter of the late Will and Ella Keach Crownover and spent the most of her life near the eastern part of Nebr.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Dwight (Phyllis) E. Talcott of RR Lincoln, Nebr.; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; a brother, Earle; two sisters, Eleanor and Mrs. Lloyd (Edith) Wallen of Unadilla, Nebr.

Interment was in a small cemetery near Cheny, not far from her home in rural Lincoln, Nebraska.

Ethel S. Conover, 90 years of age, of Mott Place, Toms River, N. J., died December 18, 1972.

Born in Tuckerton, she was an Atlantic County resident 15 years. A school teacher in Tuckerton 40 years, she was the widow of the late Dr. Charles Conover of Pleasantville, N. J.

Surviving is her stepdaughter, Mrs. Eleanor C. Yeager of Pleasantville; a nephew, W. Steelman Mathis of Toms River, a former state senator.

Fayetta Conover Musser, 92 years of age, of United Presbyterian Home, Windsor Manor, Glendale, California, died September 25, 1971.

Mrs. Musser was born December 30, 1879 in Decatur, Illinois.

She was a long-time member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, California.

Harold Nelson Conover Jr., 36 years of age, formerly of Suffern, N.Y., is missing and presumed dead after he failed to surface from a deep-sea dive February 14, 1972 off Trinidad, B.W.I. He was a professional deep-sea diver.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Barbara Conover; two sons, Mark and Jason, and a daughter, Kimberly, all of Mercer Island, Wash.; a sister, Mrs. Frank Fitzpatrick of Monsey, N. Y., and his mother, Mrs. Ruth B. Conover of Port Charlotte, Fla.

James F. Conover, 83 years of age, of 716 Southern Comfort Village, Clearwater, Florida, died December 3, 1971. He was retired from Consolidated Edison of New Jersey. Mr. Conover was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth V.; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Duffy; a son, Robert Conover, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mabel Conover Van Fleet, 84 years of age, of Readington Township, Hunterdon Co., N. J., died November 8, 1972 in Union Forge Nursing Home, Clinton Township.

Mrs. Van Fleet was born in Cherryville, N. J., a daughter of the late George V. and Lena Meyers Conover, and lived in Hunterdon County all her life. She was the widow of Herbert Van Fleet, who died in 1941.

A member of the Readington Reformed Church and its Women's Guild for Christian Service, she was also a member of the Readington Volunteer Fire Co. Auxiliary.

Surviving are a son, George J. Hohweiler of Union, N. J.; a brother, G. Earl Conover of Somerville, N. J.; a sister, Mrs. Chris Waldron of North Branch; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Readington Reformed Church Cemetery.

Milton Conover, 82 years of age, died May 6, 1972 at Middletown, Conn.

He received his first degree Ph.B. from Dickinson College in 1913, followed by an M.A. from the University of Minnesota in 1916, an M.A. from Harvard in 1934, and an LL.B. from Vanderbilt in 1955. He was also the recipient of an honorary Sc.D. from Dickinson in 1933.

Mr. Conover taught and studied at a great many universities. From 1930 to 1935 he was Associate Professor of Government at Yale. He was professor of Law at Seton Hall University from 1955 to 1968, when he retired with the title of Professor of Law, Emeritus.

He had been a member of a number of organizations including the Holland Society of New York, the Huguenot Society of New Jersey, the Swedish Colonial Society, the Society of Colonial Wars, and the S.A.R. He was a long-time member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

He was the author of a number of technical books and pamphlets on government.

He is survived by a sister, Annabel

Conover Foster, of Ocean Grove, N. J. and by a niece and seven nephews.

Olive E. Conover, 66 years of age, of 83 Cold Hill Road, Mendham, N. J., died March 13, 1972 at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Ralph Conover who died in 1964.

Born in Eniskillen, County Fermanagh, Ireland, she had lived here for 38 years, coming from Bernardsville, N. J.

She was a member of St. Mark's Church, Mendham; St. Mark's Women's Guild, and the Senior Citizens of Mendham.

Surviving are two sons, Ralph L. of New York City, and William H. of Mendham; nine grandchildren; a brother, Fred Lindsay of Glassboro, N. J. and five sisters, Violet Gerolaman of Bernardsville, Adeline Gylstorff, Eunice Kingsbury, Mary Frye and Charlotte Johnson, all of California.

Interment was in New Vernon Cemetery, New Vernon, N. J.

Sophia F. Conover, 77 years of age, formerly of 329 W. Church St., Absecon, N. J. died March 28, 1972 in a local nursing home.

A lifelong Atlantic County resident, she was a member of Absecon Methodist Church and the WSCS of the church, and was also a Sunday School teacher, and a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Adoris A. Blood of Ft. Myers, Fla., Mrs. Erma Baker of Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. Margaret Jones of Absecon; three sons, Edgar A. of Oceanport, Willis D. and Somers F., both of Absecon; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Absecon Methodist Cemetery.

Walter William Conover of 124 Overhill Road, Bala Cynwyd, Pa., died June 3, 1972 in Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia.

He was a retired president of Duncan, Duncan and Conover, Interior Decorators, Philadelphia. Mr. Conover was born in Conovertown and attended the Philadelphia School of Industrial Arts.

He was a past vice president of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Interior Decorators Assn. He was also a member of the Batsto Citizens Committee, the Atlantic County Historical Society and Mozart Lodge F&AM of Philadelphia. He was vice president of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Assn. at the time of his death. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

Surviving are his wife, Charlotte; two sisters, Mrs. Olive Rundstrom and Mrs. Elizabeth Cunard of Absecon, N. J., and a brother, James A. Conover of Conovertown.

Interment was in Absecon Methodist Cemetery.

Carrie E. Bird, widow of Charles A. Bird, died March 1, 1972. She was a member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Hillside, N. J.

Ella Gray Fleck, 96 years of age, died February 19, 1972 in her home, 1 Pauline Street, Lordship, Stratford, Conn. She was a familiar figure in Bridgeport, who led an illustrious and colorful life with her involvement in countless political, Women's Suffrage and civic causes, as well as her activities during World War I.

The widow of the late Dr. H. Willard Fleck, who died in 1952, the local activist had suffered in recent years from a heart ailment.

Mrs. Fleck was the daughter of James and Ida Conover and granddaughter of Lemuel and Elizabeth Robinson Conover of Atlantic County, N. J.

Interment was in Mountain Grove Cemetery.

Frederick W. Roberts, 59 years of age, of 1003 Tequot Road, Southport, Conn., died July 15, 1972 in Bridgeport Hospital.

Mr. Roberts was the son of Howard W. Roberts, who died in Monmouth County, N. J. in 1966.

He was the father of Howard A. Roberts, a lawyer in Middletown, N. J. and former Hazlet Township attorney.

Mr. Roberts was president of Rolak Corp., Fairfield. He was a former chief engineer at Warner Brothers Studios, California, a vice president of engineering for the Dictaphone Corp. and for the Whitin Machine Works, Whitinsville, Mass.

He was born in Middletown, N. J., and was a member of the First Congregational Church here.

Besides his son, he is survived by his widow, Dorothy Allen Roberts; another son, Philip R. Roberts of West Haven; a sister, Mrs. M. Earl McCullough, and four grandchildren.

Levi E. Reynolds, 60 years of age, of 1057 East 4th South, Salt Lake City, Utah, died August 24, 1972, at Holy Cross Hospital, of a heart attack.

Dr. Reynolds was a native of Mt. Pleasant, having been born in that community March 15, 1912, a son of Levi W. and Ellis Darnall Reynolds.

He married **Sarah Elizabeth Conover** of Provo on June 10, 1936 in Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Dr. Reynolds graduated from Provo High School and Brigham Young University. He attended the University of Utah Medical School and the University of Colorado Medical School, receiving his M.D. from the latter institution in 1943.

He served as a captain in the Medical Corps in World War II. Following his military service, he specialized in pediatric surgery and became a boarded surgeon. He had been a practicing surgeon in Salt Lake City since 1951.

He was a member of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce. In 1965 he received the "Liberty Bell Award" sponsored by the young lawyer's section of the Utah State Bar.

A member of Sertoma International, he was president of the Salt Lake City club, governor of the Utah District, and director of the Greater Rocky Mountain Region. In 1966 he was named International Sertoman of the Year.

From the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge he won top honors in the nation for community service, as well as ten bronze medallions.

He had served the Crippled Children's Organization since 1951 and had also worked with the State Rehabilitation Service. He was an active High Priest in the 33rd North LDS Ward in Bonneville Stake.

Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Michael G. (Elizabeth Ann) Cullis of Los Angeles, Calif.; sons, Don Wilson Conover, Peter Levi and John Van Lee Reynolds, all of Salt Lake City; four grandchildren; one brother and two sisters, John Wesley Reynolds, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Gordon T. (Kathryn) Bishop, Hinckley; and Mrs. Moroni A. (Jean) Jensen, Orem.

Marion S. Everett, Sr., 62 years of age, wife of Thomas S. Everett, Sr., of Rock Road, Lambertville, N. J., died November 14, 1971 at her home after a long illness.

She was born in Princeton Junction, a daughter of the late Frank and Leone Conover Sailey, and lived in Edinburg, and Fort Myers, Fla., before moving to Lambertville more than a year ago.

She was past matron of Nottingham Chapter 246 Order of the Eastern Star, Hamilton Square, N. J.

Surviving in addition to her husband, are a daughter, Mrs. Clinton R. Barbour of West Trenton; a son, Thomas S., Jr. of Lambertville; a sister, Mrs. William H. Bair of Edgewater Park, and five grandchildren.

Interment was in Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Viola Sutphin, 74 years of age, of Pennsylvania Ave. Extension (Raritan Township), died February 2, 1973 in Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N. J.

A native of Hunterdon County she was the daughter of the late Charles and Emily Conover Wyckoff. Twice married, her first husband was Charles Burns, who died in 1940. Her second husband was Oliver Sutphin who died in 1965.

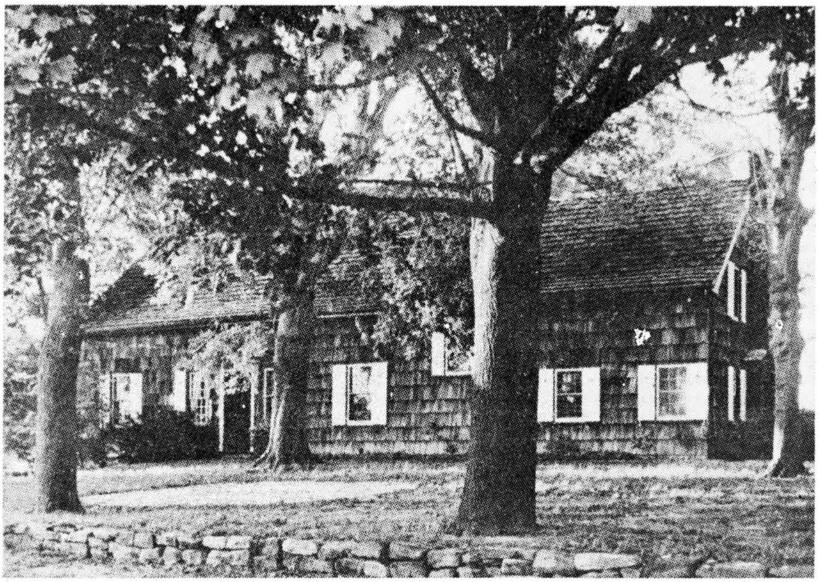
She was a member of the Flemington Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are two sons, Wilmer Burns of Pittstown and Charles Burns of Clinton; a brother, Charles Wyckoff of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Interment was in Readington Cemetery.

— Home for Over 250 Years —

by Alyce Lathrop



Monmouth County can boast of more 17th and early 18th century buildings than any other section of metropolitan New Jersey, an historical distinction due to the fact that many Dutch settled here and that they were master craftsmen. They built their barns and dwellings not to "last a lifetime" but to withstand the ravages of time and the elements for generations to come.

Such a house is the Corneles Kovenhoven (Conover) house in Pleasant Valley, Holmdel. Nestled in aged trees, and never having known the protection of paint, the exterior of this weathered shingled house remains today much as it was when originally built in 1699. A restoration in 1935 placed the chimney outside the wall, and added four windows. It is believed that the main section was built in 1700; it is flush with the smaller wing on the south side, or what is now the front of the house, facing Schanck Road, but has greater depth. The original shingles remain across the entire front. This house, though close to what is now Route 34, was the hideaway retreat of Designer Sophie of Saks Fifth Avenue, and her late husband, Adam Gimble, for 18 years.

Occupied by successive generations of the Kovenhoven family for nearly 250 years, it has had only two actual owners since the family left—Henry Butler and Frank Greenwall, neither of whom occupied it. This past year it was finally purchased as a home for family living by Mr. and Mrs. Jerome G. Rabe.

The Rabes appreciate every inch of its antiquity and good design, and intend to furnish it in the course of time with furniture of the period, replacing pieces when possible with those of the first quarter of the 18th century.

"I love to go outside after a heavy rain," she confides, "because so many interesting artifacts turn up. I've found all sorts of things—bits of colored glass, pottery, red ware, porcelain, shutter and barn latches, two-inch chunks of plaster, crushed shells under the gravel driveway, and even a large brass doorkey. Mr. Wilson Conover, Holmdel, the last member of the Kovenhoven-Schanck family to occupy the house, has the wooden lock boxes off the doors and he let me try it and, sure enough, it fit and turned one."

"All these things help me in my survey and reconstruction of life through the years of this house," she continued, "and though Mother says I'm too much of a purist, I want to put the kitchen back where it was originally."

This room is the early end, now used as a very attractive formal dining room with rebuilt fireplace. There is a large, adequate, and efficient kitchen next to it that opens into a rustic, covered patio. Mr. Rabe has built a low, curved retaining wall of native "peanut stone," using dry-wall construction, adding a pleasant but restrained landscape note.

The great corner fireplace of the first floor main room is also of native stone, and Mr. Rabe has carefully removed the white paint from the masonry between the stones, a bit of the ambitious but ill-conceived work of the 1935 renovation. There were originally five fireplaces, and the present owners intend to restore at least two more of them. This room also has over-mantel panelling and built-in cupboards, as does the dining room.

A door leading from the living room to the master bedroom was sold in 1927 to Robert Babcock, Long Island, for $1,200. It was painted with an Amsterdam scene on the top panel and a spreading tulip design on the lower panel.

"I hope all the things that belonged to the house will, one day find their way back," Mrs. Rabe admitted, and then described two 15″-16″ Dutch delft plates given her by a member of the Kovenhoven family recently.

"We made several good finds in the attic, cellar and barn: a pencil-post bed, painted with buttermilk blue; two kitchen tables, one very primitive and the other a drop-leaf, and a very early cupboard that had been removed from the large bedroom. Jerry will rehabilitate these things in time, but we will be years getting the place back to, or near, its original interior appearance. It will be worth the effort, though," she says emphatically. "It's such a good, sound house."

"An original hand painted door was sold for $1200 in 1927"

Corneles Willemse Van Kovenhoven was born in Flatlands, Kings County, Long Island, November 29, 1672; he married Margaretta Schenck September 8, 1700, and both are buried in the Schenck-Conover burial ground near the homestead, which has been cited by the state of New Jersey as an historic landmark.

A kinsman of Corneles, William Albertse, born 1702, is said to have been the owner of the recently restored Clinton's Headquarters in Freehold. Albertse is credited with embellishing that house with refinements which converted it from a simple farm dwelling into an elaborate home, an involved task he completed sometime prior to 1750. The fine panelling, cupboards and moldings are similar in design and color to those of the Kovenhoven house in Holmdel, Mrs. Rabe said.

A corncrib constructed in 1900 from lumber of the old Monmouth Park racetrack was moved near the house by Mr. Rabe when the farm barns were destroyed. Using some of the barn siding, he has converted the corncrib into a workshop-storage shed.

There is an area of land where the old farm lane from the Holmdel road used to pass to the north of the house, and Mrs. Rabe says that while the living rooms of the house faced the south, the main entrance was on this lane. "The house once had a hall going through the center, and the two wide doors are up in the attic. Before the building of Route 34 the road to Holmdel made a jog around this property." -(*Monmouth Moods, Middletown, N.J., Vol. 1 No. 4, October 1971.*)

— Conographs —

"One Man's Island" — a New Book

Continuing the story begun in the best-selling *Once Upon an Island,* David Conover's new book grew of a journal kept during a single year on his secluded Eden. A beguiling combination of nature lore, interesting reflections, and worldly wisdom. *One Man's Island* follows the four seasons in tempo and mood.

In his first book, Mr. Conover told how he and his wife turned their backs on the pressures and complexities of urban living, risked all they possessed to buy an island, and struggled to develop it into a summer haven for paying guests. Now, in the text and pictures of *One Man's Island,* he gives the reader a more complete look at island life. His diary encompasses just about everything—from the problems involved in running a resort to those that had to be faced in adjusting to a fairly solitary existence during most of the year, without neighbors, right next door or a supermarket around the corner.

The author reveals his thoughts and feelings about society, nature, his wife and son, his role as a writer, and his obligations as a man. He writes perceptively about the literary greats with whom he shares a reverence for the unencumbered, natural life, and about other writers he especially admires. And he tells countless wryly amusing anecdotes about his summer guests, about his friends on the mainland, about the caprices of the island's animal inhabitants, even about his mother-in-law.

One Man's Island is a joyful excursion into the fertile imagination and keen and probing mind of a man who dared to "get away from it all." The book will be a source of inspiration and refreshment to all readers longing to experience the joys of solitude and self-exploration.

David Conover's first book, *Once Upon an Island,* sold over 40,000 copies, was condensed in *Reader's Digest,* and has been published abroad.

The book is published by Crown Publishers, Inc., 419 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10016. $4.95 per copy.

For an interesting review of David Conover's first book *Once Upon an Island,* see Vol. 29, No. 1, page 252 of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Bulletin.

— VK —

Graduates from Shephard AFB, Texas

Airman James R. Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Conover, Sr., 2317 Arctic Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J., has graduated at Shepherd AFB, Texas, from the course for aircraft mechanics. He is returning to the local unit. His wife, Susan, is from Bowling Green, Ky.—*(Atlantic City Press, July 4, 1971)*

— VK —

Teaches Safety to First Graders

The term "safety first" has real and valuable meaning for pupils at the Schoenly School in Spotswood where daily they are learning the do's and don'ts of safety in a special "small town" constructed just for them.

This small town, according to **Mrs. Christine Conover,** co-initiator of the safety program and first grade teacher at the school, is a fenced-in 40 ft. by 80 ft. blacktop area which has roads, sidewalks, traffic signs and lights, vehicles and cardboard buildings all of which enable the children to learn rules of safety.

"Money was received for the project through a mini-grant from the State Department of Education," said Mrs. Conover. "We also received a great deal of help from the Spotswood Police Department which expanded its safety program to include ours." In addition to using the area for learning safety, the pupils play there.

Mrs. Conover has been teaching first graders in Spotswood for nine years. Her previous teaching experience includes five years in South Plainfield.

She received her bachelor's degree from Douglass College and has done graduate work at Newark State College.

She and her husband, Earl, an operating engineer for the Halecrest Company in Edison, have three children, Christopher, 14; David, 12, and Karen, 10. The family lives in South Brunswick.—*(Newark Star-Ledger, Dec. 12, 1971)*

— VK —

Installed as New President of Realtors

Record attendance of 186 realtors and their guests was reported at the Hemet-San Jacinto Board of Realtors annual Christmas party and installation of new officers for 1972 last night at Massacre Canyou Inn, with **Joseph A. Conover**, installed as new president by Frederick Stowell, California Real Estate Association's regional vice-president, elect.

Mr. Conover was born in Hazlet, N. J. a grandson of the late Capt. Nick Conover of Englishtown, N. J. and the late Miss Tam Conover, a long time secretary of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association was an aunt.

He moved to California in 1948, lived in Los Angeles area for about eight years and then moved to Hemet, California and resides there. He has been in the real estate business in Hemet for 16 years.—*(Letter to the editor of Bulletin, Dec. 18, 1971)*

— VK —

Soldier Receives Award

Army Private First Class **Gary C. Conover**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Conover of Ringoes, N. J., recently won the Combat Infantryman's Badge in Vitnam. He received the award while assigned as a rifleman in CompanyA, 2nd Battalion 327th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. The decoration is worn above all other awards and decorations. Private Conover is a graduate of Hunterdon Central High School. — *(Hunterdon County Democrat, Dec. 22, 1971)*

— VK —

Appointed General Sales Manager

William L. Conover of Allendale, N. J. is appointed general sales manager of Parker-Kalon, Clifton division of General American Transportation Corporation. Associated with P-K for the past six years he most recently served as assistant to the vice president of sales.

— VK —

Oldwick Lutherans Erect Own Building

The oldest Lutheran church in New Jersey, the 258-year old Zion Lutheran Church in Oldwick, N. J., now has the newest Christian Education Building in the synod, the members have built over the last three years, largely with their own hands under the professional guidance of **Charles P. Conover**, a former president of the church council.

Mr. Conover is a builder and personally directed the volunteer labor, the pastor noted, paying tribute to conover's dedication as a Christian layman as well as his professional expertise.—*(Courier-News, Plainfield, N.J.)*

— VK —

Santa Business

Ever been all dressed up with no place to go? It happens you know, even to Santa Claus.

From his own fascination with Santa Claus at the age of 6, **Charles Conover** of Moline has been in the business of making children (and thus their parents) happy for five years. In his young boyhood when his parents resided in Chicago, Mr. Conover was lost in the windy city some 14 hours when a policeman brought him to his doorstep. With tears in his eyes, he confessed to his parents he had just walked downtown to see Santa Claus!

When people reply to his advertisement, the first question is "how much?" Then Bud has the children send letters, which he brings with him on his yearly visit. Saying something personal about the child always is impressive, like "I'm sorry you lost your glasses last week, Johnny." Other "Santa Secrets" used to make things run smoothly are just tricks of the trade, but satisfied customers is the name of the game. And from the looks of this Santa's list this year, he's been a really good boy, for out of the 10 clients he accepts for Christmas Eve, nine of them are repeats.

Matthew Conover, 6, and his brother, who is 4, haven't realized quite yet that under the magical appearance of Santa Claus is really their very own daddy, Charles Conover of Moline. Dressed in his Christmas best, Santa will visit anxious children tonight.—*(The Daily Dispatch, Moline, Ill., Dec. 24, 1971)*

— VK —

Fireman Retires after Blazing Career

Clare Conover spent his New Year's Eve rather quietly this year . . . working his final day as a fireman with Truck Co. #1 at the Connecticut and Atlantic Avenues fire house.

When Clare left the fire house at 8 AM New Year's Day, it marked the last time he would travel to that corner where he had worked since 1929.

That year, Clare began working at an old-time Esso Service station on the corner . . . a station he later operated as his own.

Thirteen years later, Clare moved his vocation several feet eastward as he became a "ladderman" with Truck Co. #1. That was on August 1, 1942, when Clare was one of the thirteen members of Fire Class #3 — the third recruit class in the department since it came under Civil Service.

Those were the days of "iron men and wooden apparatus," when firemen were characterized as big, burly men with red suspenders.

In nearly 30 years of service, Clare missed only seven working days due to illness, and he answered 93 of the 96 general alarms which have sounded since he joined the department.

He missed two of them because he was out of town on his day off or vacation, while the third — a fire on South Connecticut Avenue last month, was missed because Clare was sick at home, on his day off.

And how does he feel after nearly 30 years as a fireman here? "I loved every minute of it . . . Sometimes you don't know what a good job you have had, until you can't go to it any more," Clare said.—*(Sunday Press, Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 2, 1972)*

— VK —

Rice Promotes Conover to Head Coach

Rice University yesterday promoted assistant coach **Al Conover** to head coach and made Allen M. "Red" Bale athletic director, ending a frustrating nine-day search for a replacement for former head coach Bill Peterson.

Conover, 33, served as co-ordinator of the Owl's offense and came to Rice campus one year ago. He came to Rice from Florida State University with Peterson, who last week took a lifetime $1 million contract with the Houston Oilers and left Rice with four years remaining on his contract.

"All my life I've dreamed about one day having this opportunity," the 6-2, 250-pound Conover said. "Right now my biggest concern is getting on the road and getting the job done. We've lost some ground and there's no question about that. But we can make it up. Recruiting is slow during the holidays, anyway, so we're just a week behind."

Conover, known as "Big Al," attended Wake Forest University at Winston-Salem, N. C., and graduated in 1960 after a standout college career as a tackle for the Deacons in the late 1950's. He took his master's at Florida State in 1968 while on the coaching staff.

He will begin his 12th year as a coach with the start of spring practice. —*(Newark Star-Ledger, Jan. 9, 1972)*

— VK —

Listed Among Very Important People

Within the West 44th St. confines of the New York Yacht Club, those brilliant Buckley boys, Sen. James and editor-columnist William F. Jr., gathered together approximately 100 people to honor Frank Shakespeare, the former director of USIA.

Listed on the illustrious guest list were former U.S. Ambassador to India Kenneth Keating, **Willis Conover** of the Voice of America and Mrs. Conover, Dean Burch (chairman of the Federal Communications Commission) and Mrs. Burch, Elford Cedarberg, congressman from Michigan, and Mrs. Cedarburg, Michael and Peter Starr of Starr Broadcasting Group, Priscilla Buckley, managing editor of National Review.—*(Suzy Says in Daily News, Feb. 2, 1973)*

Gets Academic Achievement Star

Robert L. Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Conover of 156 Pitney Road, Absecon, N. J., is a member of the Naval Training Corps Unit at Villanova University and has been cited with the Academic Achievement Star Award. Upon graduation, he will be commissioned in the Navy or the Marine Corps, depending upon his advanced training curriculum. He is a graduate of Holy Spirit High School in Absecon, N. J.—*(Sunday Press, Atlantic City, N. J., March 12, 1972)*

— VK —

Learned "Hand Talk"

"I have 47 bruises," announced **Sally Conover**, exhibiting a black-and-blue spot on her right arm.

Sally, a vivacious, petite 17 year old, plays Helen Keller in "The Miracle Worker, the current production at Pax Amicus, the center for fine and performing arts on Flanders-Drakestown Road, Mount Olive Township.

The bruises she collected during rehearsals and four weekend performances of a strenuous 15-minute stage struggle with Carl Robertshaw, who is Annie Sullivan, Miss Keller's teacher in the play about the early years of the famous blind deaf-mute.

To communicate realistically on stage, the girls learned a form of sign language using finger-to-palm pressure.

Since Helen Keller was blind, deaf, and mute, Sally's performance calls for no spoken lines, but plenty of action.

The play is a first for Sally, who lives on Cold Hill Rd., Brookside, N. J. —*(Daily Record, Morristown, N. J., Mar. 23, 1972)*

— VK —

Complied With Eating Customs

Voice of America's **Willis Conover** and his wife said at Le Manoir that they were just back from a two-week visit in India, where custom demanded they eat all their meals with their fingers. They found the experience "rather pleasant."—*("On the Town," N.Y. Daily News, April 29, 1972)*

Teacher at Cerebral Palsy Rehabilitation Institute

The Institute is part of the New Jersey Orthopedic Hospital of the Hospital Center at Orange.

Under the direction of **Mrs. George W. Conover Jr.** of Maplewood, head teacher of the Institute, the children are holding a paint-in to prepare murals for decorations at the 60th annual Cafe Chantant, a benefit for them and other pediatric patients.

Members of the institute staff said the paint-in is part of children's therapy as well as allowing them to be a part of the festivities.

The Cafe Chantant has raised more than $200,000 to finance orthopedic treatment for handicapped children.—*(Sunday Star-Ledger, Newark, N. J., April 23, 1972)*

— VK —

Graduates from College

Christopher James Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger F. Conover of 28 Goltra Drive, Basking Ridge, N. J., has been graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., after completing his degree requirements in three years.

He and his sister, Lynn Conover, left June 26 by freighter from Seattle for Seoul, Korea. From there they will go to Japan to visit former APS student Meme Saito Saito.—*(Echoes-Sentinel, July 13, 1972)*

— VK —

His Newspaper Wins a Plaque

The Springville Herald, Springville, Utah, in competition with weekly newspapers of under 3000 circulation throughout the United States took second place in, "Excellence in Typography," according to announcement at the National Better Newspaper contest, held in conjunction with the National Editorial Convention, at Portland, Oregon.

Martin Conover, publisher of the Springville Herald and Mrs. Conover were on hand to receive the award at the convention.

Receiving first place in the contest was the Clinton Courier of New York and third place went to Ravenswood News of West Virginia and honorable mention to Galva (Ill.) News.—*(Springville Herald, July 27, 1972)*

— VK —

Netherlands Red, White and Blue

The Fourth of July celebration and the national flag's tricolors of red, white and blue are not the sole possession of the U. S.

Few in the world know that more than 200 years prior to the U. S. Declaration of Independence and Betsy Ross's flag design, the Netherlands adopted a national flag with red, white and blue colors — on July 4.

To mark the 400th anniversary of the Netherlands flag, that country issued a new 20-cents stamp on July 4. The commemorative depicts the flag plus the inscription "400 Jaar Nederlandse Vlag" (400 Years Netherlands Flag). It is printed in red, white and blue with black inscription.

"The Dutch tricolor was flown as far back as the end of the 16th century.

However, despite the official acceptance of the flag design, it was not until February 1937 that a royal decree was issued stating that the colors of the Kingdom of the Netherlands should be red, white and blue. The decree actually meant the end of recognition of other old flags, including the "Prince's Flag" with its orange, white and blue colors.

The Netherlands Post Office stipulated that the new Flag Stamp and the 1968 National Anthem commemorative not only emphasize these events of significance to its people but also focus attention on two facets of its 80 Years War.—*(Newark Evening News, Aug. 25, 1972)*

— VK —

Wine Party to Raise Funds

General Sir Henry Clinton's Headquarters, 150 West Main Street, Freehold, N. J., will be the setting on Saturday from 4 to 7 PM for an 18th century wine party open to the public.

Built around 1706, the house was occupied by a member of the Covenhoven family when General Clinton took it over as his headquarters on June 26, 1778, just two days prior to the Battle of Monmouth.—*(Manasquan Coast Star, Sept. 24, 1972)*

— VK —

Receives a New Appointment

Roger F. Conover of 28 Goltra Drive, Basking Ridge, N. J., has been appointed assistant chief of staff G-3 (training officer) of the 78th (Training) Division of the Kilmer U.S. Army Reserve Center headquarters, Edison, N. J. He had been serving as an instructor in the Command and General Staff Course, part of the 1155th U.S. Army Reserve School, also located at Kilmer.

Conover is assistant to the vice-president, military systems, at Bell Telephone Laboratories, Whippany, N. J. He was graduated from Montclair High School in 1944 and from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1948. He served on the Board of Education from 1963-71 and is a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Lt. Col. Conover is not new to the 78th Division having served as a company commander with the 303rd Engineer Battalion from 1955 to 1958. He also served on active duty in Austria with the 70th Engineer Battalion from 1948 to 1952 and in Korea with the 14th Combat Engineer Battalion as a company commander and battalion S-3 training officer.—*(Bernardsville News, Sept. 1972)*

Ed. Note—Lt. Col. Conover is son of Mrs. Sara M. Conover of 1147 Maryland Ave., Cape May, N. J. and the late John H. Conover, who was a long time member of the Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family Association.

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In the Financial Business Scene

Public Service Electric and Gas Co. announced organizational changes in the marketing and urban affairs department; **John R. Conover** of Cranford, N.J., from rate statistics director to assistant manager of rates and market research.—*(Newark Evening News, Aug. 29, 1972)*

— VK —

Mrs. Elizabeth Davison, daughter of Mrs. **Estelle Conover** of Hazlet, N. J. and the late Capt. Willis Conover, is the executive director of Monmouth-Ocean County Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society attended the MS Conference in Miami Beach, Fla. in October 1972.

— VK —

Still Giving Organ Concerts

The Brook Theatre, owned and operated by the Morecraft family, was built by the late Alexander Morecraft, and opened in 1928. The organ is a 2/4 Wurlitzer, Style B, Opus 1519. Following its restoration in 1963, the organ has been played for the public every Saturday evening from 6:30 to 7 o'clock. The current house organists are Don Conover, Dave Michaels, and Chris Lytle.

Donald Conover, who came from a musical family, started on the piano, but soon changed to the organ, and at the age of 15 was playing in churches and starting his piano and organ tuning and repairing business which continues to this day. He is a graduate of the Guilmant Organ School in New York City. While in service in World War II, he made many Theatre Organ broadcasts, both in this country, and in Australia.—*(The Horseshoe, Vol. 4, No. 8, October 1972)*

— VK —

Hurt in Tractor-Trailer Crash

A truck-driver was injured when a tractor-trailer he was driving jackknifed while rounding a curve on Route 31 near Clinton Point Theatre, scene of several accidents this year.

Charles C. Conover, 46, of Blackwood was admitted to the Hunterdon Medical Center last week with a broken collar bone and cuts on the head as a result of the crash.

The cab which Conover was driving, owned by Esther Adams of Lindenwald, separated from the truck body, jumped the guardrail and rolled halfway down the embankment of the Interstate 78 overpass, according to Clinton Township police. Road conditions were wet and slippery, police said. No summonses were issued.—*(Hunterdon Democrat, Flemington, N. J., Oct. 5, 1972)*

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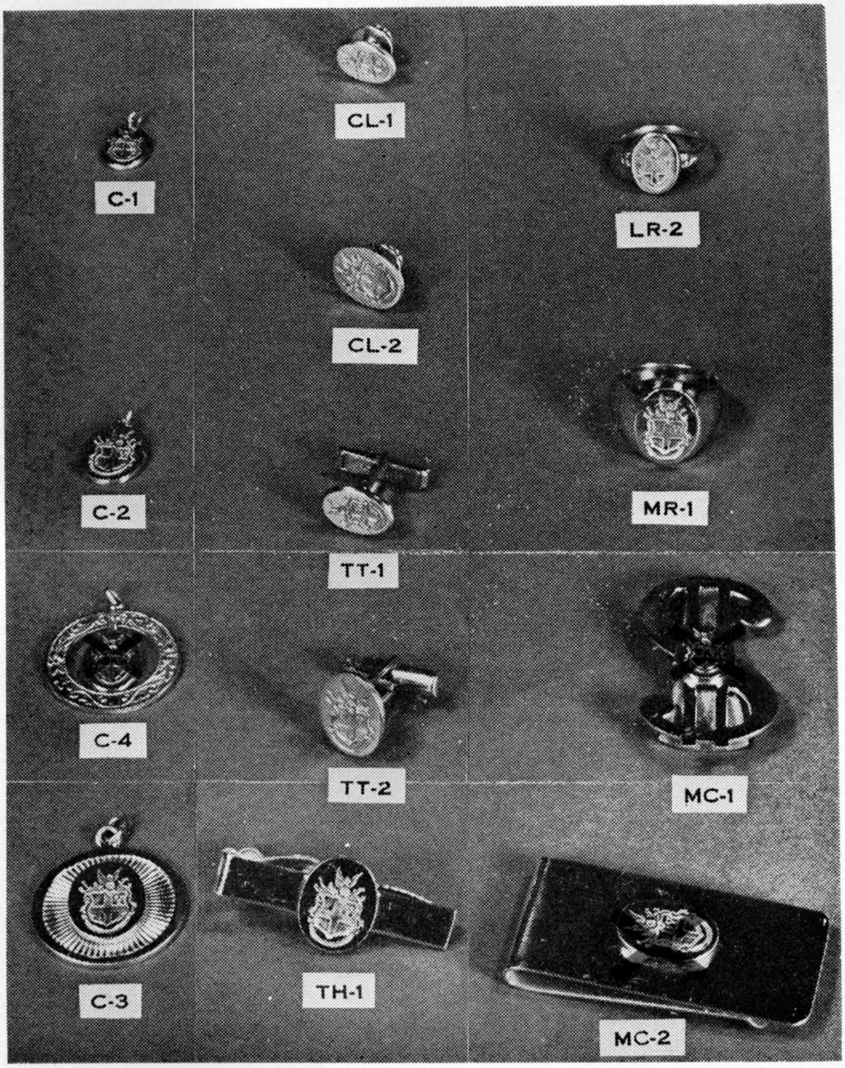
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